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Easter sermon

Shoreline Park Baptist Church's special Easter Sunday sermon will be titled "Gone, Never to Return - No Hope."

There will be no evening services to allow those to attend the "Easter Musical Sundown Service" at the MS Coast Convention Center at 7 p.m.

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'Heart' returns pastor to Coast

BY BETSY GAGNET

Tragedy sent him away, but his heart brought him back to the community where he grew up.

After 35 years, Reverend Donald Peters has returned to his roots to run the church started in 1908 by his grandmother, Josephine Garrett, and great grandmother, Lizzie Robertson.

Peters is the pastor of St. Rock United Methodist Church on Herlihy Street in Waveland.

what Peters called a "strong congregation" with its roots tied closely to the Peters family.

"It was basically a family church, most members were family," he said.

However, everything was to change.

In October of 1958, Peters, then 18, tragically lost his parents, two grandparents and an aunt and uncle in a car accident which occurred at the intersection of Nicholson

"The young people have lost sight of where they need to be going...They hang on corners...The last place they go is church...Black youth are prey for drugs simply because there are standards in employment that some black youth can't reach..."

Reverend Donald Peters

After the two women started the church, it was served by different ministers sent through the central jurisdiction of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, Peters explained.

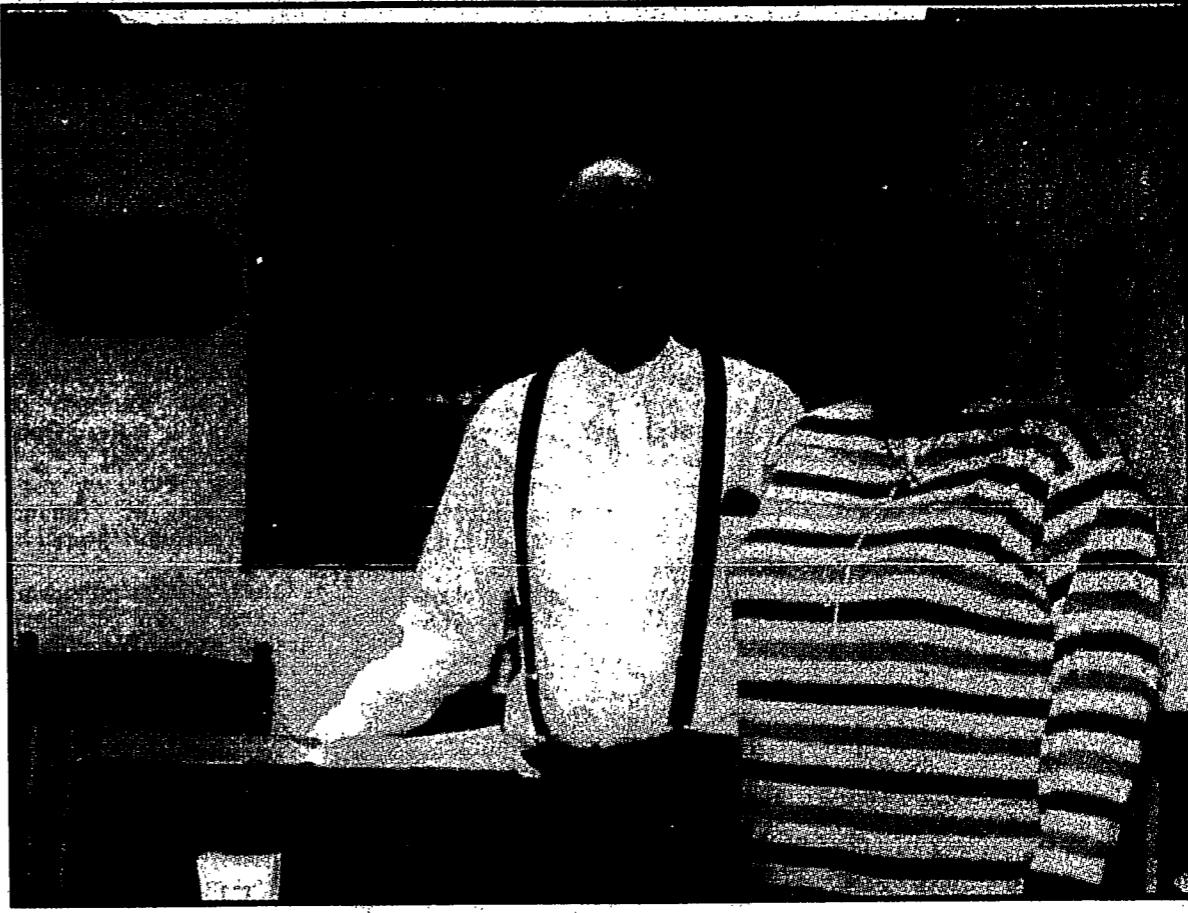
Eventually, Peters' father, Manson Wesley Peters, became a minister and served at the church from 1945-1958.

The church had developed

Avenue and Old Spanish Trail. The accident left Peters and his brother and sister orphans.

It was not only a terrible personal loss, but a loss for the community church as well.

In December of that year, Peters married Irma Saucier, now his wife of 39 years. She is from Bay St. Louis, the daughter of the late Reverend and



Returning home

Pastor Donald Peters and his wife Irma stand in front of the pulpit of the St. Rock United Methodist Church in Waveland. Peters' family founded the church in 1908. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

Mrs. Johnny Saucier.

"I felt everything was taken from me and I was alone," Peters said. "I wanted to get married."

Although the two had planned to marry, Irma Peters admits it came sooner than

expected.

"We were going to get married, but I don't know if it would have been December," she said.

Soon thereafter the two moved to New York to join Peters' sister, Gladys Peters

Mingo, who had moved there with her husband.

Peters said moving to New York "was a big change."

"It was like the whole world opened up," he explained.

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Amtrak to make final run

BY ED LEPOMA

The little train that many thought could, didn't, so Amtrak officials announced the Gulf Coast Limited will end a nine-month run this weekend.

The eastbound train will leave New Orleans for the last time at 5:45 p.m. today, and the westbound Gulf Coast Limited will depart Mobile for the last time on Monday.

Almost to the end, officials representing the three states

that make up the Southern Rapid Rail Transit Commission (SRRTC) had remained hopeful that an agreement reached in principle at a meeting in Mobile March 21 would have won another reprieve for the train. They petitioned top Congressional leaders from Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana to ask Amtrak to reconsider.

In the end, Amtrak's overall financial problems and unsta-

ble ridership on the Gulf Coast Limited combined to bring about the demise of daily rail service along the Gulf Coast.

From its Chicago headquarters, Amtrak announced the discontinuance of the Gulf Coast Limited, but noted service on the route will continue to be maintained three days a week. Amtrak's westbound Sunset Limited departs Mobile for New Orleans and other points on Mondays, Wednes-

days and Saturdays. The eastbound Sunset Limited departs New Orleans for Mobile and other intermediate points on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sun-

days.

The transcontinental Sun-

set Limited operates between Los Angeles and Sanford, Florida, via Jacksonville.

With a pledge of \$185,000 from the three states, Amtrak and the SRRTC instituted the daily rail passenger service on

a 90-day demonstration basis on June 28, 1996.

After that initial funding ran out, Congressional leaders were able to get \$1.5 million set aside in the general appropriations bill to allow the train to run another six months.

An Amtrak official said several discussions were held with representatives from all three states, but only Louisiana had

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Georgia State Fairgrounds

The Georgia State Fair will officially open this Festival of the South April 11-19, 1997, including Sawyers

Williams III, the Kentucky Headhunters and LeAnn Rimes, scheduled to perform. See story and schedule on page 3A. (Echo photo by Richard Mask)

Favre seeks third term

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre has announced that he will seek his third term as mayor in the May 6 primary election. Favre, a certified public accountant, has served as mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis since July of 1989. Prior to being elected mayor, Favre served as Bay St. Louis city clerk for eight years.

"The City of Bay St. Louis has become the most desirable place to live on the Mississippi Coast," Favre stated, "and the active partnership between our employees and our citizens has caused this reputation to grow."

"Our city is growing dramatically."

FAVRE--
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OBITUARIES

O. E. BATSON JR.
GARY D. DODSON
KATHRYN S. HUNTINGTON
SHIRLEY A. KENNEDY
ZINA MALLEY
MELLEN A. SPITZMILLER
ALCIDE A. STIGLET

O. E. BATSON JR.
O. E. "Dusty" Batson Jr., 83, died Wednesday, March 26, 1997, in Wiggins.

Mr. Batson was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and retired as a structural engineer with NASA. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Wiggins and a member of VFW Cecil R. Bucklock Post 5531 in Pass Christian. He was a member of Wiggins Masonic Lodge 481.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James C. Batson; and a sister, Mildred Batson McHenry.

Survivors include a brother, Shiley Batson of Grand Bay, Ala.; and a sister, Virginia Ross of Brandon.

NetDay at North Bay

North Bay Elementary is participating in President Clinton's initiative to wire schools for Internet access. The initiative is designed as a cooperative effort between local businesses, schools and parents.

"We have many corporate sponsors already and would like others to join us," said Kay Covode, spokeswoman.

North Bay will hold NetDay

Services were conducted Friday at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins. Burial was in Thomas Price Cemetery in Wiggins.

GARY D. DODSON
Gary David Dodson, 51, of Slidell, La., died Tuesday, March 25, 1997, in Slidell.

Mr. Dodson was a native of New Orleans and lived in Slidell for the past 21 years. He was a field engineer for N.C.R. was an Army veteran of the Vietnam war.

Survivors include his mother, Marjorie B. Dodson Thomas of Waveland, and his stepfather, Sidney L. Thomas of Waveland; a brother, Sidney Collins Dodson of Slidell; and stepbrothers, Kay Williams of Waveland and Lynne McEvoy of Belvalle, Ill.

Visitation was Friday at R.S. Farmer Funeral Home in Slidell, followed by services. Burial was in R.S. Farmer Memorial Cemetery.

SHIRLEY A. KENNEDY
Mrs. Shirley Ann Kennedy, 65, of Waveland, died Saturday, March 22, 1997, in Waveland.

Mrs. Kennedy was a native of Broken Arrow, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis Vance and Frona Roberta Pennington Orset.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Paul Kennedy of Waveland; and a sister, Opal Grant of Merced, Calif.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorial contributions to the St. Clare Scholarship Fund, Waveland.

ZORA MALLEY

Mrs. Zora Malley, 84, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, March 26, 1997, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Malley was a retired nurse and a member of Faithview Baptist Church in Sander.

Survivors include her husband, Aaron Malley of Sander; three stepdaughters, Juanita Hatten of Perkinston, Lora Malley of Gulfport and Sarah Allen of Sander; five stepsons, Stevie Malley, Roger Malley, Kyle Malley, all of Pass Christian, Darryl Malley and Dexter Malley, both of Pearl River, La.; a sister, Carrie Schoenewitz of Biloxi; two brothers, Jack Schoenewitz of Sander and Freddy Schoenewitz of D'Iberville; 14 stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins.

In Memoriam

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Happy Easter, Little "Angel," a baby girl too special to forget. Remembered with love, Momma, Daddy, "Sis" Megan, Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Bonnie, Uncle Ronnie and Family

Bunny to appear

The Easter bunny will greet close to 100 children at 11 a.m. at 616 North Beach Boulevard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breath.

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KATHRYN S. HUNTINGTON
Mrs. Kathryn S. Huntington, 52, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, March 28, 1997, in Gulfport, Miss.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Huntington was a native of Deadwood, S.D.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Spitzmiller, and her parents, Clarence and Helga Peterson Miller.

Survivors include a son, Patrick Spitzmiller of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Lee E. Parsons of Friendswood, Texas; and two grandchildren.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

ALCIDE A. STIGLET

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died Friday, March 28, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

Services were conducted Friday at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins. Burial was in Big Level Cemetery in Wiggins.

EDWARD A. SPITZMILLER

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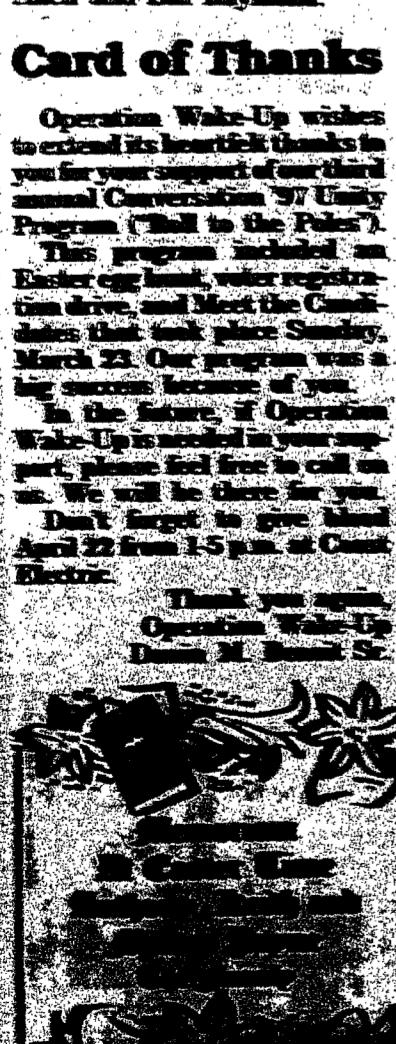
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Operation Wake-Up wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to you for your support of our annual "Candy" & "37" Candy Program ("Mail to the Police").

This program concluded on Easter weekend, with registration drive, and Meet the Candidates that took place Sunday, March 23. Our program was a big success because of you.

In the future, if Operation Wake-Up is needed for any part, please feel free to call on us. We will be there for you.

Don't forget to give a "hug" April 22 from 1-5 p.m. at Conoco Electric.

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Waveland board denies Senior Center request

BY RICHARD MEEK

Citing a financially strapped budget, the Waveland Board of Aldermen denied Lora Mederos' petition to help furnish the new Senior Citizen Center in Bay St. Louis.

The aldermen informed Mederos funds were unavailable to help the center. Mederos, who works with seniors and children for the county's Human Resources Agency, said construction on the center is completed, but until some basic furnishings are purchased, it cannot be opened.

The City of Bay St. Louis' donation to the center is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The county Board of Supervisors recently kicked in an additional \$3,400, matching the amount raised in a community-wide campaign. The supervisors had already donated an extra \$20,000 for capital outlay, in addition to the \$133,000 the board contributed to the agency.

Waveland donates \$5,000 annually to the senior citizen program, but Mederos acknowledged the city was the only local government entity not to contribute to the new center. City officials have instead offered in-kind services, such as landscaping, to the facility.

"I'm very disappointed," Mederos said. "A large number of Waveland's citizens use the facility. They need to do more for their senior citizens. They know that."

Mederos had appeared before the aldermen two weeks prior asking for \$5,000. At the time, the aldermen agreed to analyze at the budget and determine if money was available.

The board adopted a resolution at a meeting on March 4 committing \$7,500 for the center contingent upon the city being able to free up the funds. But Mederos was later informed the money was not available.

"I felt like I could count on them," Mederos said. "I felt like there was a commitment there, even though it was contingent if they could find the money."

Mederos said current funds will allow the center to purchase a stove and a top, essential for final inspection. However, she said for now the center will open with other needs unmet.

The aldermen also met with Bill Johnson of Compton Engi-

neering to discuss the city's plans for sewage lines that extend out to the old Bayou Caddy Jubilee Casino site. Johnson, who is a member of the Hancock County Wastewater District No. 1, informed the aldermen the district is currently attempting to provide sewage hookups to Clermont Harbor and that the district would like to tie into the city-owned lines. He proposed the city either sell or lease the lines to the district.

"We would like to know your plan for the lines," Johnson said. "Our goal and objective is to clean up the water and provide sewage (lines)."

Waveland Public Utilities Director Steve Landry said one possible solution to accommodate the Clermont Harbor area would be to add a bypass line that would take the sewage on a direct route to the plant located in the central part of the city. The lines from that area currently are routed to a pumping station at Buccaneer Park, which are then tied into lines in the western part of the city.

"Waveland can call the shots," Landry said. "Nothing is free. I would rather see us lease it or charge a fee. I don't want to see you guys give up the lines."

A final decision is still pending.

A dispute also continues to fester between Alderman Jay Fleuriet and the rest of the board, including Mayor John Mason, over spending \$275,000 to pay off a short-term note on a fire truck purchased last year. Fleuriet, with the rest of the aldermen, earlier approved paying off the note with funds generated by a \$1.25 million bond issue.

However, over the past few weeks, Fleuriet has contended the city would actually pay more interest by using the bond money. Fleuriet said his analysis shows the city would pay an additional \$80,000 in interest by using the bond money to pay off the note.

He is proposing using that savings to either pay off some of the bond, or complete paving work on roads and upgrade sewer lines.

City officials have presented figures to the contrary, showing the city would save \$33,000 with early retirement of the note.

Chicken pox hitting elementary schools

BY BETSY GAGNET

Several area elementary schools have reported a recent attack of chicken pox hitting especially hard in the kindergarten and first grade classes.

According to local pediatrician Dr. David Fontaine, chicken pox, or Varicella, is a member of the herpes virus family and has an average incubation period of 14-16 days.

The disease is characterized by the outbreak of a rash, or sores, which look like small red dots. Each sore opens and eventually scabs over.

Fontaine explained the disease is most contagious one to two days before the rash appears and shortly thereafter.

Myrna Jordan, principal at Bay Catholic Elementary School, said her school was hit hard in February by the disease.

"The week of the 24th, we had 10 kindergarten students out," she said. "There has been a smattering in other grades, but most of the older children have had them."

Hancock North Central Elementary experienced an outbreak in the fall, according to principal Debbie Moran.

"It was as many as five or six in a class at a time," Moran said.

Principal Debbie Cox at Waveland Elementary said her students were hit hard in January and February.

"It started in the kindergarten and went through the school," she said. "We notified the parents so that they were aware of what was going on."

Jeanette White, at Gulfview Elementary said the school has not seen many students break out with chicken pox so far this year.

"We have had worse years," White said. "My guess is we'll get hit hard later on."

Easter thoughts

There is a wonderful sparkle of spring in the air. There is a feeling of promise and hope everywhere. May springtime surround you with joys great and small, and bring you your loveliest Easter of all.

Margaret Williamson



Capitol visit

Jeanette, left, and L.J. Breaux recently visited Washington, D.C. during the annual Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Legislative Tour. During the visit to the nation's capital, the Hancock County Farm Bureau members visited with Mississippi senators, representatives and agriculture officials.

Country festival to open fairgrounds

BY ED LEPOMA

Robert Gemelli surveyed the cleared land ahead of him, then looked up at the sky.

"There's nothing we can do about the weather except pray it doesn't rain," said Gemelli. "Everything else is in place."

Gemelli was referring to plans made months in advance for the grand-opening weekend of his Southern Festival Fairgrounds.

The opening concerts are scheduled Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6, with local talent and big-name country western stars in the lineup.

The fairgrounds is located just 10 miles west from the junctions of Mississippi Highways 603 and 43, and convenient to fans expected to come from all along the Mississippi Coast and from nearby Picayune, Slidell and New Orleans.

It was just last September that Gemelli, a retired Kenner policeman, former theater owner and realtor, came before Hancock County supervisors and briefed them on his plans to build the fairgrounds on a 75-acre tract between the Catahoula and Flat Top communities.

Soon afterwards, he purchased the plot for \$300,000, then crews began clearing the land in October.

Gemelli estimates he has now pumped \$1.2 million into the fairgrounds, providing drainage and sewerage, building a large stage, and 20 eight-by-eight-foot covered food booths. There are also several permanent restrooms dotting the site, but fans are being

Gemelli's country lineup

The musical lineup for Gemelli's Country Music Festival, April 5 and April 6.

Saturday
11 a.m.-noon - Boley Creek

12:30-1:45 p.m. - Hank Williams III

2:15-3:30 p.m. - Kentucky Headhunters

4:15-5 p.m. - Wade Hayes

Sunday
11 a.m.-noon - Keith Hoda and the Country Sounds

12:30-1:45 p.m. - Chad Simmons

2:15-3:15 p.m. - LeAnn Rimes

3:45-5 p.m. - Sawyer Brown

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or WRJW Radio. Picayune and the charge is \$30 per person for the two days, \$20 for one day. Children under 10 will be admitted free, but must be accompanied by an adult. No food or beverages can be brought into the fairgrounds.

Gemelli Fairgrounds is located 10 miles from the intersections of Mississippi Hwy. 603 and 43. If you're coming off Interstate 10 west, take the Kiln-Waveland Hwy. 603 exit, and head north on 603 to 43. If you're coming from Slidell or New Orleans, take the Picayune exit 4 ramp, then south to Hwy. 43.

Favre to serve no time

Scott Favre will serve no jail time for driving drunk in an accident that cost his friend, Mark Haverty, his life.

Judge Robert H. Walker sentenced Favre to 15 years in prison, with 14 suspended and one under house arrest. He must also pay a \$5,000 fine, court costs and Haverty's funeral costs.

Before a packed courtroom filled with friends and family on Thursday, Favre, brother of Green Bay standout Brett Favre, admitted to driving drunk in the early morning hours of July 20 when he failed to yield at a CSX railroad crossing in Pass Christian. An oncoming train slammed into the car, killing Haverty.

District Attorney Cono Caranna, who suggested the light sentence, said he was relying on the help of Favre's family to keep him sober. Favre, 30, entered an alcohol rehabilitation clinic in Hattiesburg on March 20. He is expected to spend about two months at the facility.

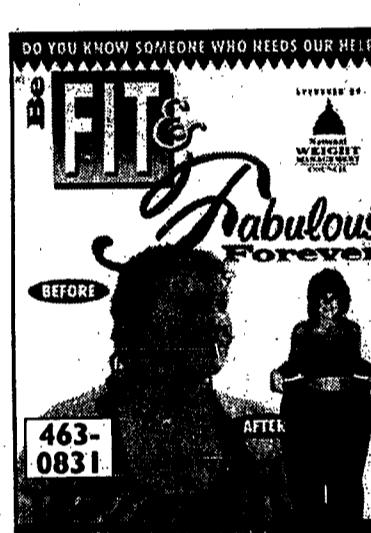
Favre will be on probation for two years after serving his house arrest, and will speak to Hancock County students on the dangers of drinking and driving. If Favre violates terms of his probation or house arrest, which forbids drinking, then he will serve the full prison term.

Belles

in Gulfport

Gulfport Little Theatre will present "Belles" by Mark Dunn, a play in two acts and 39 phone calls, on April 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Debra Street Playhouse.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

There are many sad folks along the Coast because of the discontinuance of the Gulf Coast Limited scheduled after Monday.

Jane, my wife, is among those folks who really enjoyed riding the train to the city.

As Jane says, "The government can give millions of dollars to foreign countries, many of which are not our allies, yet they cannot help keep rail service running here at home."

Those of us a bit up in age can remember how important railroads were to development of this great nation.

I realize times have changed, yet there should also be some loyalty.

I, along with others, hope the train's schedule will be resumed in the very near future.

I had an interesting breakfast Friday morning with our Congressman Gene Taylor from Bay St. Louis.

It was good to sit down and chat with Gene, whom I have known before he was a Bay St. Louis Councilman, State Senator and United States Congressman.

As always, Gene takes his job very seriously and spends time doing his "homework" on issues faced in Washington.

During the past few days there has been a break in Washington, but Gene still has managed to stay pretty busy meeting with local officials and others about many of our problems nationally and locally.

On Monday he will hold a town meeting in Vancleave at Vancleave High, 6 to 7:30 p.m. He has held several others already this year and plans on having one in each county in his district this year.

This is one way Congressman Taylor keeps in touch with residents, and it gives residents an opportunity to express their concerns and ask whatever questions are on their minds.

Anyway, on the Washington scene there are really several big items on the agenda to be addressed by the 105th Congress, and not much has been done thus far, Gene reports.

It looks like many of the elected officials in Washington are like many of us, who wait until the last minute to work and file our income taxes.

I am sure glad that Gene is not in the class. Gene, keep up doing the good work in Washington.

FROM THE STATE AUDITOR

Qs & As

By Phil Bryant

opinion to Ray dated Jan. 24, 1997

COUNTIES

Q Must the clerk of the board of the board of supervisors publish a synopsis of the annual audit report in a form prescribed by the State Auditor?

A Yes. (Section 7-7-221)

Q May a public official or employee use a public vehicle for private use to transport children to and from school?

A No. Personal use of any government-owned vehicle is prohibited.

Q Does the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges have authority to convey to the community and junior colleges for no consideration or nominal consideration, mobile learning lab units purchased under the Workforce and Education Act of 1994 and carried on its inventory?

A Yes. (Attorney General's

Q May a county purchase a blanket bond instead of individual bonds for public employees required to be bonded?

A Counties may purchase blanket bonds for public employees required to have bonds unless a statute requires an individual bond for a particular position. (Attorney General's opinion to Meadows dated Jan. 24, 1997)

Q May a county allow residents in unincorporated areas to elect not to use the county garbage collection system?

A Yes. The Board of Supervisors may adopt an order to allow residents in unincorporated areas to "opt out" of the county garbage collection system provided a timely application is made and the residents dispose of their garbage in a lawful

Q Does the State Board for

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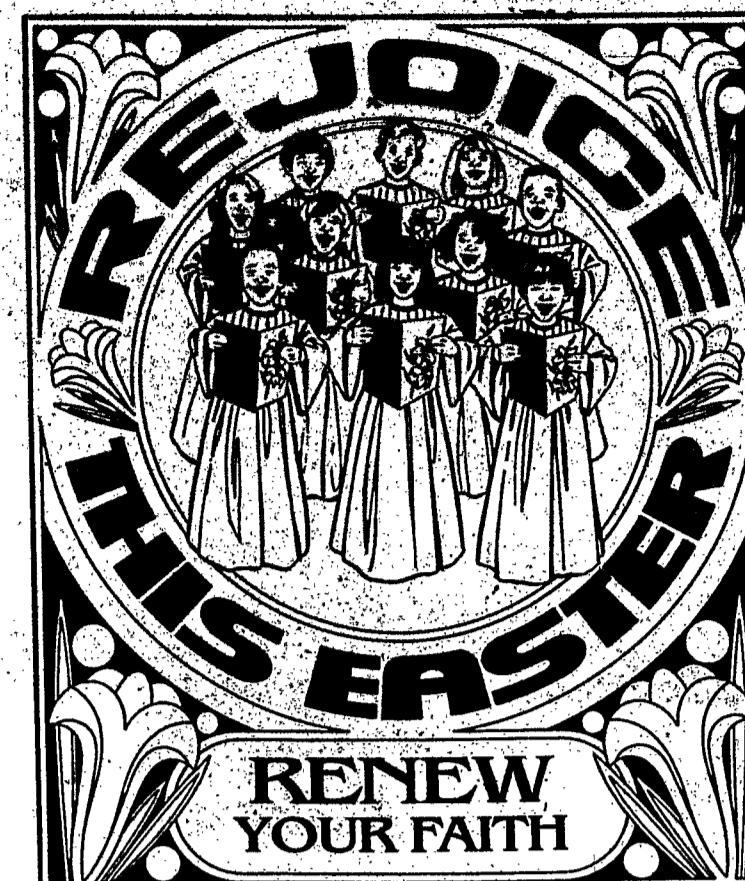
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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas

Conference committees work on bill compromises

Senate conference-committee work took center-stage into the weekend as the 1997 Legislative Session moved within days of its April 6 "sine die" or adjournment.

Nearly three months of bill drafting, committee hearings and floor debates are coming down to conference-committee negotiations between Senators and Representatives on the several hundred bills surviving legislative deadlines.

However, the fruits of our labor could be seen last week as dozens of bills were signed into law by the Governor. Among them were:

— Pesticide regulations and penalties, S.B. 2637. Spurred by the recent outbreak of illegal pesticide use, this law revises procedures and sets tougher penalties for persons who violate them.

— Statewide voter registration roll through the Secretary of State's Office, H.B. 1470. A centralized, computerized list will give a more accurate picture of each county's voter registration and provide a statewide bank of information enabling officials to monitor elections and deter potential voter fraud.

— Standardized Youth Court procedures, S.B. 2510. This bill establishes standard youth court procedures and reporting, as well as creates a statewide case tracking system.

— Charitable solicitations by telephone, S.B. 2563. Under this new law, you can require a professional fund-raiser to tell you how the money will be used and how much of your donation is actually going for services. Telephone solicitors also are limited to calling between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturdays only.

— Medicaid home- and community-based services, S.B. 2213. This bill expands these services statewide to the extent that funds are provided by the Legislature.

— New Home Warranty Act, H.B. 1142. This new consumer protection law sets standards to warranty new-home construction across a period of years and to ensure that problems which occur because of poor construction will be corrected by contractors.

— Telemedicine, S.B. 2389.

In this "Age of Computers," Mississippi has moved to define "telemedicine" and to require state licensure for physicians who directly practice medicine here from long-distance, such as by telephone or video connections.

Senate committees also met last week to make recommendations to the full Senate on the Governor's nominations to various boards and commissions.

OTHERS SIGNED

Among other bills signed into law last week were those to revise Mississippi's sex-offender registration law to conform with federal rules (S.B. 2800); to direct the Department of Corrections to contract for regional jail facilities in a number of counties (S.B. 2879); to continue a statewide dyslexia pilot program in schools (H.B. 351); and to prohibit and revise penalties for the false reporting of crimes by telephone (H.B. 412).

While they may not have made headlines, other bills gaining the Governor's signature will designate the red fox as one of our state mammals (H.B. 673); prohibit clearing of timber on state-owned land until after a public hearing (H.B. 908); establish a birth-defects registry through the State Department of Health (H.B. 913); and prohibit harassment of guide dogs (S.B. 2094).

Appropriations and revenue bills conference reports — compromises on differences between the Senate and House — were due by 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Monday, March 31 is the deadline for final adoption of those reports, as well as for filing conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.

Although most of our work time was spent in meetings, the Senate welcomed and commended a number of visitors to the State Capitol. Among them was Dr. Don L. Durham of the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

During the Legislative Session, Sen. Cuevas can be reached by calling 601-359-3770 or by writing to: Mississippi Senate, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson MS 39215.



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative
Dirk Dedeaux

\$3 million approved for Stennis

The House of Representatives has approved S.B. 3194, which will give \$3 million to Stennis Space Center for the development of an advanced learning complex.

The \$3 million, which will come from state bonds, is matching fund money. The state put up \$3 million in funds and the federal government will match this with \$7 million plus provide the location which is valued at \$4.5 million. The total project will be valued at \$14.5 million.

S.B. 3194, which was authored by Senator Scottie Cuevas and supported by me, will enable a center of higher learning to be built at Stennis. The center will include an Institute for Marine Sciences, which will be operated by the University of Southern Mississippi, and which will be administered by

the Stennis Space Center.

We should make an effort to recruit local people

ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray

CVS

Changes due in VA health-care

Two years ago VA began transforming the veterans health-care system. VA shifted from a system of individual medical centers and clinics focused on inpatient care to a fully integrated system of healthcare. Today, 22 management hubs covering defined geographical areas called Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) administer the new patient-centered approach to delivering VA health-care.

The changes in health-care delivery, geographic redistribution of veterans and tighter budgets required a review of how VA distributes its resources to make sure eligible veterans receive appropriate care.

The Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA) model was developed pursuant to the requirements of Section 429 of Public Law 104-204, the VA/HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 1997.

past VA medical care allocation systems created funding imbalances across the country and were too complex. This means dollars were spent more often than over-funded facilities in more affluent areas of the country and thus limited access and the level of services to veterans.

The most significant will be the elimination of the VHA

SPORTS

CA-THE SEA COAST ECHO-SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1997

Sullivan and Rahman match up for title

Biloxi Grand Theatre, USA Network Tuesday Night Fights, and Cedric Kushner Promotions bring live boxing to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Tuesday, April 8. IBF Intercontinental heavyweight champion and Gulf Coast native Obed Sullivan puts his belt on the line against Hasim Rahman in the 12-round main event, which will be broadcast later on the USA Network at 8 p.m.

Co-featured will be WBC Continental heavyweight champion Ahmad Abdin versus Larry Donald. A full undercard will also be featured.

Champion Obed Sullivan (23-1, 16 KO's) of Lancaster, Calif., took up boxing during his five-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Sullivan was ranked No. 7 in the American Boxing Federation while a Marine and had his first professional fight end in victory when he KO'd Mike Davies in the first round.

On June 17, 1995, Sullivan won the IBF Intercontinental Heavyweight Championship by knocking out Curtis Shephard in the first round. He is currently in the midst of a knockout streak, having stopped seven of his past nine foes and four times successfully defend-

ing his title. Hasim "The Rock" Rahman (22-0, 19 KO's), of Baltimore, Md., is in the process of completing his first two years as a professional fighter. Even though Rahman is just beginning his career, he has made an impression of a future champion to the boxing world, comparing him to names like Shavers, Foreman and a young Mike Tyson.

With an unblemished record of 22 wins without a defeat, and only three opponents lasting the distance, Rahman's reputation as a devastating puncher grows throughout the world. Rahman began to prove his point on Oct. 15 when he totally dominated former WBC heavy-

weight champion Trevor Berbick over 10 rounds.

Born in Lettakia, Syria, Champion Ahman Abdin (23-0-3, 10 KO's), dreamed of becoming a professional boxer from an early age. When Abdin reached the age of 16 he and his father traveled to America, knowing that the best boxing training in the world was available in the U.S.

With great diligence and hard work he began winning international honors: gold medal winner, Mediterranean Games (33 nation competition); gold medal winner, Asian Tournament (33 nation competition), and finally gold medal winner, Middle East Games (24 nation competition).

In December 1992, Abdin turned professional and established a successful record of 22 wins, no losses, 3 draws, and 9 knockouts.

Larry Donald (23-1-1, 15 KO's), of Cincinnati, Ohio, dreamed of being a world champion while shadow boxing in the basement of his own home. He received inspiration from films featuring great fighters like Muhammad Ali.

Participants will receive a \$450 scholarship for the 1997 fall semester.

Participants will be weighed and measured at the tryouts.

All candidates must be single and a graduating high school senior no older than 24.

Participants must wear a dance leotard, tights and tennis shoes at the tryouts. Dance experience is desired.

Candidates will be taught a dance and kick routine during the tryout session.

The following will be evaluated during the judging:

- Ability to learn and perform a routine
- Rhythm and coordination
- Personal appearance

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Officers pulling up gill nets

Coast fishermen using gill or trammel nets must meet certain conditions, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

"Nets made with monofilament line or any material other than cotton or linen will be confiscated and a citation will be issued by our officers," Chief of Marine Law Enforcement Terry Bakker said.

The action comes as a result of an ordinance law adopted by the Department of Marine Resources. DMR officials encourage gill netters to bring their nets to the DMR office in Biloxi for inspection and tagging.

Gill or trammel nets made of cotton or linen must not be treated with any substance that increases the longevity of the nets. Only degradable nets having a DMR tag will be legal, officials say.

Local conservation officers are taking up gill and trammel nets from local marine waters that don't meet legal requirements. To report hunting, fishing and boating violations, call 1-800-BE SMART.

Diamondhead Women's Golf results

March 27

ABCD Players

Two Best Ball

First place team - score 120

Amy Swint, Joyce DeBruyn,

Dot Morrison, Joan Weinberg

Second place team - score

121

Billie Crowley, Marion Boudreux, Jimmie Sandel, Sue Chapman

Third place team - score 125

Carol Guilmino, Barbara Watkins, Carolyn Koerner, Cal Rogers

Fourth place team - score

125 (tie broken on scorecard)

Phyllis Lilley, Brenda Hennerickson, Betty Reddock, Elaine Smith

Public Notice

Public Notice</h2

Pastor

Irma Peters called it "frightening" at first.

In New York Peters got a job with a paint manufacturer and eventually joined the union, becoming a painter.

He worked at several different locations, including Lord and Taylor Department Store and CBS before ending up as the sole painter for the Metropolitan Opera House, which Peters called "wonderful."

"He was the only painter (at the Opera House), which is amazing to me," Irma Peters said.

In 1995 the couple made a decision which would drastically change their lives.

Instead of waiting until age

62, Peters took early retirement at 55, and a significant cut in income, to return to the community where he was raised.

"It was more and more on my mind, I couldn't get away from it," Peters said. "I had told my wife that when I reached 65, I know we'll take a cut in pay, but I want to retrace Dad's footsteps."

Despite leaving both their grown children and four grandchildren in New York, Irma Peters supported her husband's decision.

"All of his life that is what he wanted to do," she said. "We were both working so our income was good, but who is guaranteed (to reach) 62?"

Another gamble was whether Peters would be permitted to serve at the church begun by his family.

Although Peters received over five years of religious training while in New York, eventually becoming a pastor at the United Methodist Mission Church in Queens, there was no guarantee he would be able to take over at St. Rock once he returned.

"I wasn't sure how it was going to turn out because everything is assigned," Peters said. "I had faith that eventually the Lord would give me the church."

The Peters returned in March 1995 and he became pastor of St. Rock that June.

What he returned to was a severely dwindling congregation which was not even holding services in its own church.

The original church had been destroyed in the 1947 hurricane, but rebuilt shortly thereafter.

Four years ago, the congregation had moved out of the existing church because of concern over structural soundness.

Peters had actually returned for a weekend while still living in New York to help run a revival to raise money to purchase the land across the street where two large trailers now sit, serving as the church and the office/meeting hall.

However, the biggest change to meet Peters upon his return was not the church building, but the community itself.

"When I first came back and began to find out what was going on in the community, it almost tore me up," he said. "I couldn't believe a community this small could have such a problem with drugs and alcohol."

Peters discovered that what used to be the center of community life, the church, was now a very minuscule part.

The congregation officially listed 17 members, but only five were active.

With all the changes in the community, Peters said one of the most troubling is the fact that the young people seem to have no direction.

"The young people have lost sight of where they need to be going," he said. "They hang on corners. The last place they go is church, if they go at all."

Peters explained that in the short period that he and his wife have been back, two children in the community have died. The enticement of drugs is hard to fight because of the money that can be made, explained Peters.

"Black youth are easy prey for drugs simply because there are standards in employment that some black youth can't reach," he said. "Drugs (come into) poor neighborhoods because those people want to have the money. Everyday youngsters are getting involved and they are getting younger and younger."

Peters has taken a kind of "grass roots" approach to tackling the problems facing his community.

"He has spoken to Waveland Mayor John Mason about some of the problems facing his community, and the mayor has promised to investigate.

He is reaching out to the children in the community and to their parents explaining that some children who may be involved in drugs sometimes come from good families who are unaware, or simply at a loss as to how to deal with the problem.

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Last year the church offered a summer Bible school which was attended by 50 community children.

However, due to lack of volunteer staffing, Peters has not yet decided if the program can be offered again this year.

Services are now held at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

About every other Saturday, a fish and chicken dinner is held to encourage community involvement and to help raise money.

Several outreach ministries have been started, including one to a nearby housing project and one to a nursing home.

Results of the hard work and evangelization are beginning to show.

The congregation is now up to 50 members, with 27 of them active.

"People have responded," Peters said. "They have rallied around us."

Heating and air conditioning units were donated to the church.

Peters said he has contacted employers who are willing to hire area youth, but found the youth are not interested.

He is not discouraged and said he will keep going.

"If I felt like there was nothing I could do to help the community, I wouldn't have come back," he said.

However, he said the answer will have to come from the community itself.

"I would like to see this community become a thriving part of Waveland. The community must decide to rise up against the drug dealers," Peters said. "There are more community members than drug dealers and it's time to take back the streets."

After almost two years, both Irma and Donald Peters are still happy with their decision to return home.

"We're glad to be home," Irma Peters said. "We do a lot of fishing and we like that."

As for the future, the pastor has a building fund underway for a permanent church and a gymnasium which he hopes would be a draw to area youth.

The estimated cost is approximately \$120,000, which will probably have to come predominantly from private donations.

"It will be some place for the children to go," he said. "If they have no place to go they can be easily approached."

Now, Peters keeps working with the tools he has on a personal basis in the community.

"It all boils down to a person respecting themselves and respecting other people," Peters said. "If they do that I think they can rise above where they are now."

... and a few more.

Amtrak

pledged actual monies to continue the rail service.

In lieu of actual funds, the SRRTC asked Amtrak to consider the states' promises to improve grade crossings and depots along the Gulf Coast route.

The Gulf Coast Limited wasn't the only line falling victim to Amtrak's operating budget. Amtrak's federal sub-

sidy has been cut from \$392 million in 1995 to \$202 million proposed in President Clinton's 1998 operating budget. And, Congress wants the national railroad to become self-sufficient by the year 2002.

On May 10, unless new funding is worked out, Amtrak will discontinue service along three other lines: The Desert Wind

between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles; the Pioneer between Denver and Seattle; and the Lake Shore Limited between Boston and Albany, N.Y.

Amtrak customers are urged to call the toll-free 1-800-USA-RAIL number for schedule and service information.

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tional facilities are underway, including over five miles of bike paths and walkways and a new, handicapped-accessible pier at Ulman Avenue.

"Long-needed renovations to our drainage system are underway, and the city is in the process of issuing an additional \$5.5 million bond issue to allow for improvements and expansions to our sewer, water and gas systems.

"An extensive re-paving project of our streets and sidewalks will be underway by the end of this year. The good news is that both of these bond issues have been accomplished with no tax or utility rate increases to our citizens."

"We are overseeing improvements that are important to our citizens and are making a difference in their quality of life.

The city recently received a five percent reduction in the flood insurance rates for those residents who live in flood-prone areas, and we have applied for an additional five percent reduction for the current fiscal year," Favre added.

The City of Bay St. Louis prides itself on progress with

preservation and protection, and we have amply demonstrated our commitment to growth combined with the protection of our rich culture," Favre states.

"We have continued to preserve the historic landmarks located throughout our city, such as the L&N train depot. The complete renovation of this facility has made it an asset to both the surrounding area and to the city as a whole.

"We have an exceptional team of employees," Favre stated, "and I feel that they have been instrumental in the progress we've made. We will continue to be accessible to our citizens and responsive to their needs."

"I am proud of the great strides we've made and the progress that is taking place in our city. I would like to extend my thanks to the citizens of Bay St. Louis for allowing me the privilege of serving as mayor for the past eight years, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to provide the leadership that has made Bay St. Louis A Place Apart."



James LaNasa



Oscar Pacheco

SSC to induct three into Hall of Fame

St. Stanislaus announced three men will be inducted into the SSC Hall of Fame April 12.

The inductees are Brother Joseph Donovan, SC, Oscar E. Pacheco Ortiz and James Thomas LaNasa Sr., posthumously.

Brother Donovan has served in various roles at St. Stanislaus for more than 30 years.

He has worked as teacher, prefect and assistant principal. He currently serves the school as the head prefect. Brother Joseph has also taught in Mobile and New Orleans.

Brother Joseph was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He received his bachelor of science degree from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. in 1968. He obtained his master of science degree from Fordham University in New York in 1972.

Oscar E. Pacheco Ortiz is a 1942 graduate of St. Stanislaus. He was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, but spent some of his early childhood in Honduras.

While at SSC, Pacheco was several times class president, wrote for the school newspaper, was a Sodality member, and played for both the tennis and football teams. Upon graduation he received an accounting degree from Soule College in New Orleans.

He returned to his native Costa Rica after earning his degree and worked for several coffee plantations. At the age of 28, he was promoted president of these coffee plantations. He also served for a number of years as president of the Costa Rican Chamber of Coffee Growers.

In the 1960s, Pacheco began breeding first Holsteins then Brahman cattle. He also started a sawmill business.

CAFESA which is now one of Costa Rica's largest companies importing and distributing agricultural products required by coffee growers and their packing plants.

During his business career, Pacheco also served as president of Chase Manhattan of Costa Rica.

Pacheco and his wife, Flora Gonzalez de Pacheco, have six children, 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Pachecos live on their ranch in Costa Rica, Hacienda Solimar, which includes a reserve of the Dry Tropical Costa Rican forest. At age 73, Pacheco is an active cattle breeder, conservationist, coffee producer and business.

LaNasa, a native New Orleanian, graduated from St. Stanislaus in 1947. While at SSC, he played first chair clarinet and also started a dance band and orchestra. Years later he began The LaNasa Beginner Band Award at St. Stanislaus.

After attending Tulane University on a music scholarship, he owned several successful businesses among which was LaNasa Realty in New Orleans, which he operated until his retirement in 1992.

LaNasa's community involvement included performing member of the New Orleans Opera House Chorus, the New Orleans Concert Choir and the Francis Cabot Choir. He was also a charter member of the Krewe of Pontchartrain parade.

LaNasa was the longest serving president of the SSC Alumni Association from 1975 to 1980 and was often a featured speaker on career day during those years.

He and his wife, Joyce, have raised seven children.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Doing your taxes? Consider tax-free investments

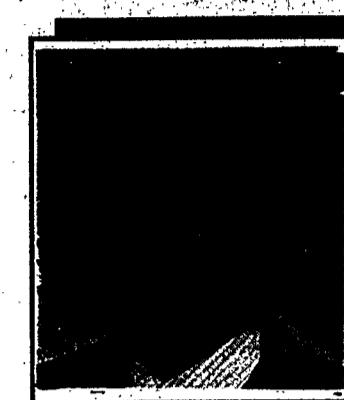
If you're among the minority of Americans who have already done your taxes, congratulations! But if you're like most people, you've probably waited until now to begin thinking about your taxes.

When you're working on your IRS form 1040, take a look at line 8a. This is where you list your taxable interest income. It may come from savings and money market accounts, CDs and corporate bonds. This is all money on which you'll owe taxes come April 15.

Now, look at line 8B, tax-exempt interest income. This includes income you earn on tax-free investments, such as municipal bonds, tax-free mutual funds and unit trusts. You report this income, but you don't pay taxes on it. The more income you can move from line 8a to 8b, the more of your interest you keep.

When comparing tax-free and taxable investments, be careful not to fall into the trap of looking only at their stated yields. Remember to consider how much of that yield will go to taxes. On a taxable investment, that amount would be your tax bracket — 28 percent, 31 percent, etc. On a federally tax-free investment, however, that amount is zero.

In fact, tax-free investments often provide significantly more income than you would take home after paying taxes on a taxable investment, even



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Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

Tax-free Yield	15% Bracket	28% Bracket	31% Bracket
4.0%	4.70%	5.55%	5.80%
4.5	5.29	6.25	6.52
5.0	5.88	6.94	7.25
5.5	6.47	7.44	7.97
6.0	7.06	8.33	8.70
6.5	7.65	9.03	9.42
7.0	8.24	9.72	10.14
7.5	8.82	10.42	10.87

though the stated yield may be lower on the tax-free investment.

The following table shows the return you would have to earn on a taxable investment to earn, after taxes, the same amount you would take home from a tax-free investment.

For example, if you're in the 28 percent tax bracket, you

would have to earn 6.94 percent on a taxable investment to match the tax-free return of a 5 percent municipal bond.

Tax-free investing can be particularly beneficial if you're in the 28 percent federal tax bracket or higher. In fact, a study last year by Nuveen Research tracked the after-tax returns on various investments

held for 20 years. The results showed that, for higher-income investors, tax-free bonds performed second only to stocks.

As a tax-paying investor, you can't afford to overlook the benefits of tax-free investing. Talk to your tax adviser and investment representative to see if tax-free investments are right for you.

Employee theft topic of seminar

The University of Southern Mississippi's Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Foxes in the Henhouse" Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 90, Gulfport.

The workshop will cover our society's massive employee-theft problem, why employees steal, how they might steal from you, countermeasures to internal theft, and how to handle a dishonest employee. Dr. Reid Doster of Doster & Associates will be the instructor.

Co-sponsors are Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, Coast Chamber of Commerce, and USM Gulf Coast Continuing Education.

Fee is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. To pre-register, mail check made payable to USM SBCD (by April 9) to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

For information, contact the USM Small Business Development Center at 601-865-4576.

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Business expands

Boudin's Waste & Recycling now offers portable toilet service for residential and commercial customers. Boudin is the contract garbage collector for Hancock County and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland. The company also offers container and dumpster service from two to 40 yards and septic tank pumping. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Group awarded Enterprise status

At the March 20 Private Industry Council meeting, Jean Denson, director of the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, Employment and Training division, announced Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation, the administrative entity of the Gulf Coast Private Industry Council, has met the requirements to achieve Enterprise status.

The Enterprise is a national network of workforce development organizations committed to enhancing the quality and efficiency of publicly funded employment and training services with 164 members.

Becoming an Enterprise member means that Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation provides superior job placement services, achieves high customer satisfaction and incorporates continuous improvement strategies in its management practices.

That's good news for Mississippi. Locally that translates to high levels of customer satisfaction and with training and employment services and outstanding results.

"We commend the Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation for achieving this national quality award," says Denson. "We are very pleased with the national recognition of the Enterprise status," says Mary Lee McNeil, president of GCBSC.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

THURSDAY'S CLOSE

3-27-97 • 3:00 P.M.

COMPANY/SYMBOL	LAST PRICE	WEEKLY CHANGE
ALCAN ALUM/AL	33 1/2	-1 1/2
ALPHA HOSPITALITY/ALHV	2 1/2	-1/2
AT & T/T	35 1/4	+1/4
AUTOZONE INC/AZO	23 3/4	+1/4
CALGON CARBON/CCC	11	-1/4
CASINO MAGIC/CMAG	1 1/2	+1/2
CHEVRON CORP/CHV	69 1/2	+3/4
COCA COLA/KO	57 1/2	-2 1/2
CSX CORP/CSX	46 1/2	-1 1/2
DUPONT/DD	107 1/2	-3 1/2
EUROPA CRUISE/KRUZ	15 1/2	-2 1/2
FREEPORT MC MORAN INC	28 1/2	-1/2
GENERAL ELEC/GE	101 1/2	+1/2
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	53 1/2	-1/2
GRAND CASINO/GND	9 1/2	-1/2
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Can medical savings accounts lower medical costs?



CONSUMER UPDATE

By Jan Lukens, MBA, CFP
Consumer Money Management Specialist

Q. I would like a little information on the new medical savings accounts. How do they work? What are their advantages and disadvantages? How much can be contributed? Are the new programs really better than a regular major medical health insurance policy? Are they available in South Mississippi now? How should I go about looking into them?

A. The new medical savings accounts (MSAs) are tax-advantaged savings accounts tied to high-deductible health insurance policies and are available to small business and their employees through a four-year pilot program.

While medical savings accounts for these groups are not new, this is the first year that they are tax-deductible. The accounts are different from the "flexible" medical spending accounts available as part of many large employer cafeteria plans.

MSAs are available to self-employed individuals and to small businesses with 50 employees or less. For the MSA to be deductible for federal tax purposes, the individual or family must be covered by a health insurance policy which conforms to the federal requirements for this program.

There are more than a dozen health insurance companies

throughout the nation offering conforming policies and MSAs. A few companies in our area offer them now.

The pilot study intends to limit the number of MSAs to 750,000. However, due to the IRS tracking system, the program will be open to all eligible employees until Sept. 1, 1997, and to self-employed persons until Oct. 1, 1997, regardless of the number of participants.

The insurance policies are required to have annual deductibles ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,250 for single persons and from \$3,000 to \$4,500 for families. Either the employer or employee (not both) makes tax-deductible contributions to the MSA.

If the employer makes the contributions, employees with the same coverage must receive

the same MSA contribution. Contributions are limited to 65 percent of the deductible for an individual and 75 percent of the deductible for a family.

For instance, contributions cannot exceed \$3,375 per year on a family policy with the maximum deductible of \$4,500. Another federal requirement - out-of-pocket costs (deductible and co-payments) on covered expenses care capped at \$3,000 for an individual and \$5,500 for a family per year.

MSA money can be used for various out-of-pocket medical expenses including:

- amounts counted as part of the policy deductible or co-payment
- uncovered amounts over insurance policy's "reasonable and customary" limits
- dental and vision care

— regular medical check-ups
— mental-health counseling
— home medical equipment
— alternative medicine
— long-term care expenses
— transportation for medical needs.

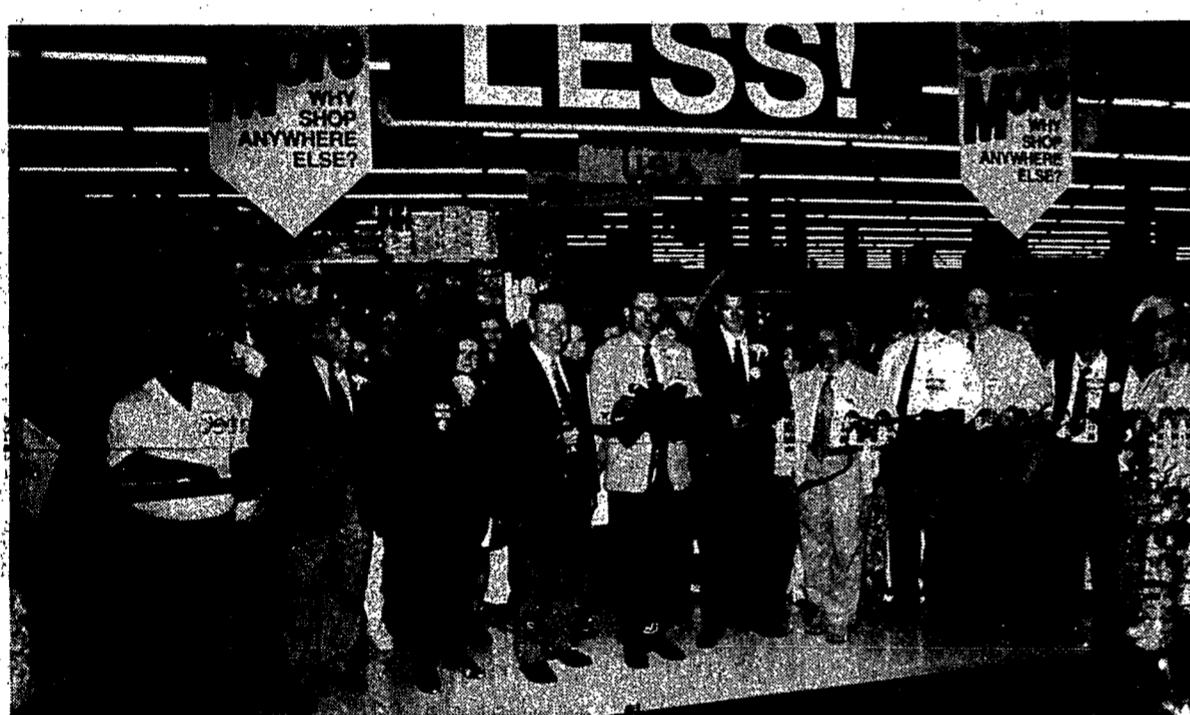
If MSA money is not used during the year, it is left to accumulate tax-free until needed. If money is taken out of the MSA for nonmedical purposes, it is subject to federal income tax and a 15 percent penalty if the participant is under age 65.

For participants who become Medicare-eligible and wish to purchase a Medicare supplement policy, premiums on Medigap insurance are not an allowable medical use for MSA money.

Is the MSA program better than the alternatives? That depends on the specific MSA plan and the other health-care programs available to a small business. The medical situation of the individual or family will also be a factor.

Healthy families may find that MSA money accumulates faster than the medical expenses allowing their savings to grow tax-free, much like an Individual Retirement Account.

To make the best decision for your situation, check with local independent health insurance agents. Compare the new accounts to your current coverage as well as other health insurance policies and HMO plans available in our area.



Re-grand opening

Wal-Mart, Waveland, celebrated with a ribbon cutting Re-Grand Opening Celebration Tuesday, marking the renovation of the store's interior. Wal-Mart officials and others on hand for the ribbon cutting were, front row from left, Cindy Vernon, chamber executive director; Jay Lagasse, chamber director; Kent Skul, Valerie Jackson, John Mason, Waveland mayor; Charlie Rinehart, district manager; Ray Cox, Waveland store manager; Charles Sciana, Bay St. Louis Councilman; Danny Cockrell, Kevin Peacock, district manager; and Kevin Wasson. In commenting about his associates, Cox said, "I've got the finest group of people ever assembled in a Wal-Mart." (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek.)

Home sales beginning to bloom

As warmer temperatures begin to coax azaleas into bloom, February home sales in Mississippi gave the state economy a preview of spring. February's housing market indicated that a warming trend for home sales has begun.

February's Mississippi Home Sales Report, released by the Mississippi Association of Realtors, shows an upturn over January's sales. Most markets are beginning to experience a spring thaw, according to MAR President John M. Dean Jr. of Leland.

"Interest rates continued to be attractive last month," said Dean. "That helped the Jackson market heat up a bit, and it led the state with 36 more homes sold in February than in January."

In February, Mississippi's Realtors closed 747 homes, up from January's 712 units sold. The state's two largest markets, the Jackson area and the Gulf Coast, finalized 230 and 139 sales, respectively. In smaller areas, Cleveland reported 16 sales, and Picayune/Hoplarville reported 12.

The Association's Home Sales Report also indicated that the highest average home sales price in the state was in Grenada, at \$110,000, followed by the Vicksburg/DeSoto area at \$105,000, and Hattiesburg

Total homes sold February 1997, 747; January 1997, 712; year-to-date, 1,459.

Average selling price Febru-

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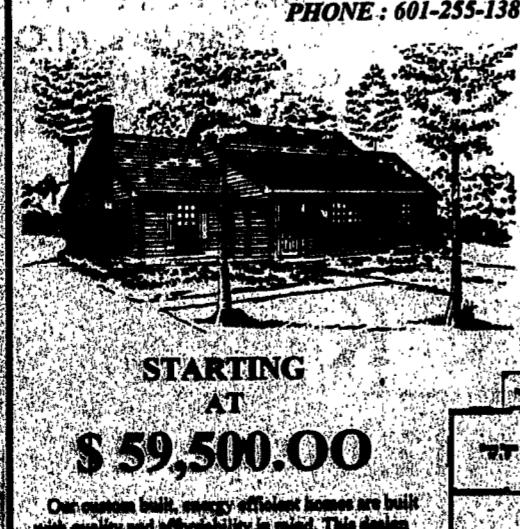
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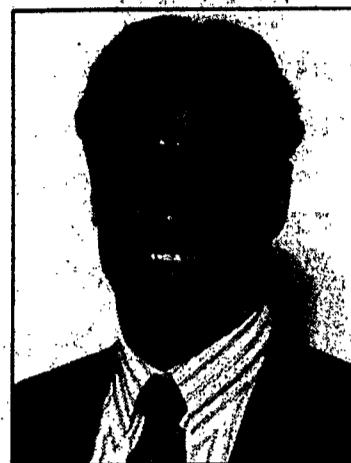
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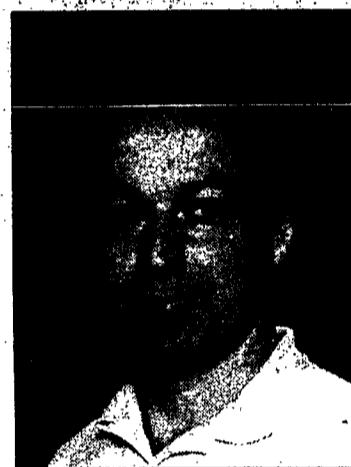
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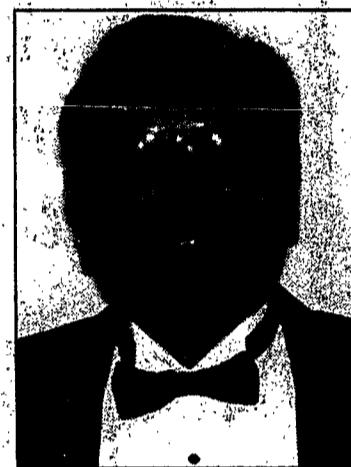
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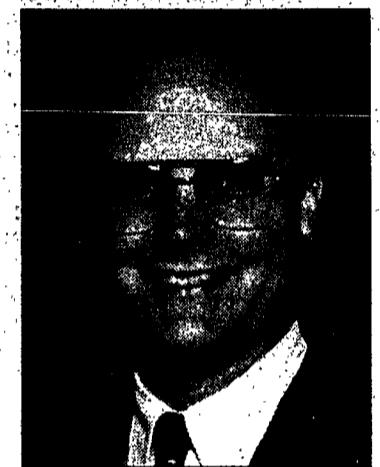
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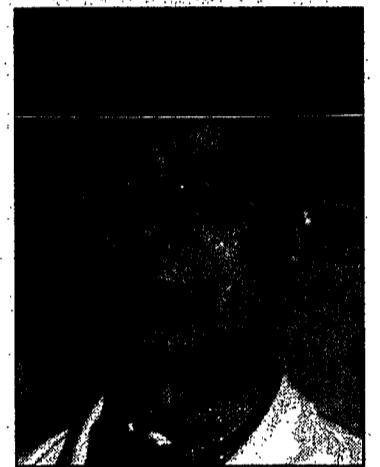
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Bay Catholic Science Fair winners

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1st place-Alicia Asper, 2nd place-Christy Gleber, 3rd place-Brianna Murphy and Elissa Kergosien.

Chemistry

1st place-Katie Holt, 2nd place-Erin Stechmann, 3rd place-Leanne LaFrance.

Math, Earth & Space

1st place-Trey Treutel, 2nd place-Laura Shaw, 3rd place-Brian Parker.

Physics & Engineering

1st place-Austin Ladner, 2nd place-William Harris, 3rd place-Robert Coggins.

Zoology, Medicine & Health

1st place-Jane Covington, 2nd place-Rachel Cranford, 3rd place-Allena Nitiss.

Judges Favorite

Alicia Asper, Trey Treutel, Elissa Kergosien, Clare Adam, Patrick Remel, Brian Parker, Eric Cranford and Sam Tart.

Class Winners

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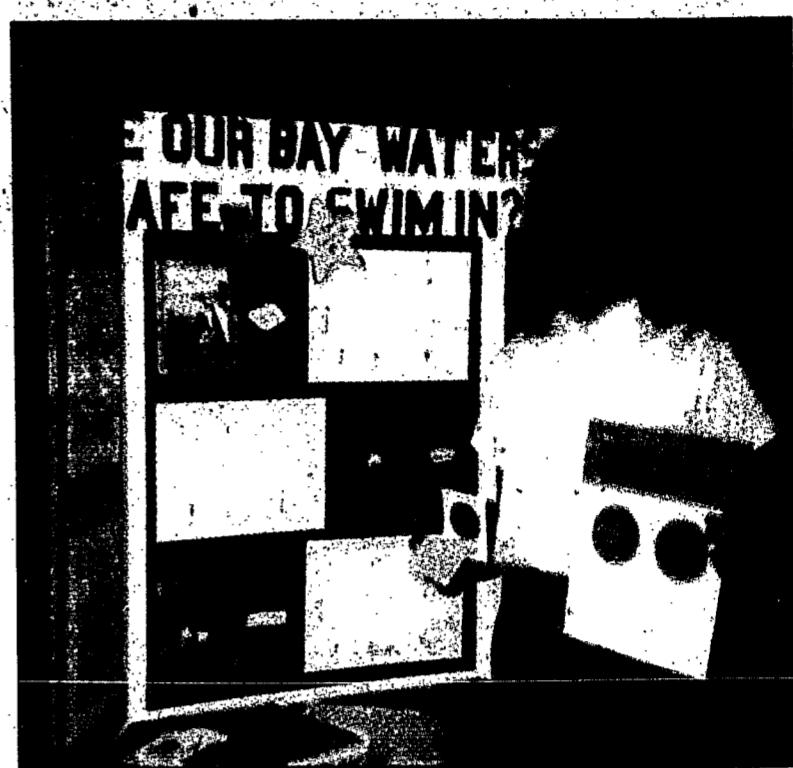
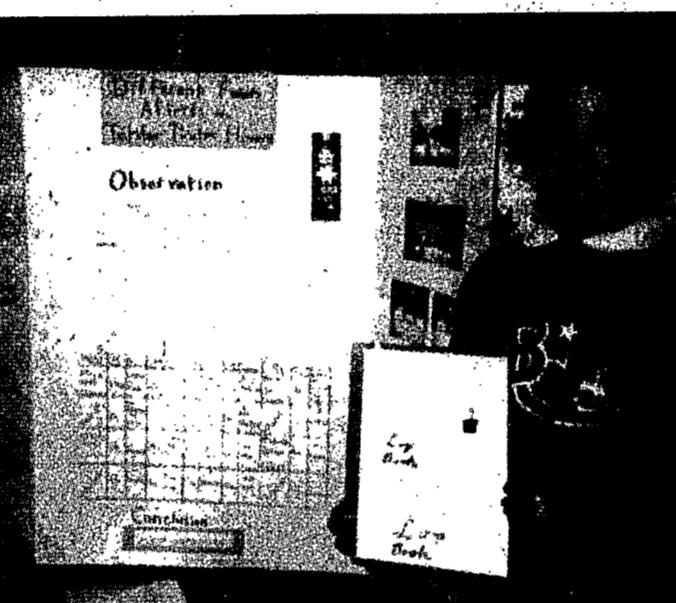
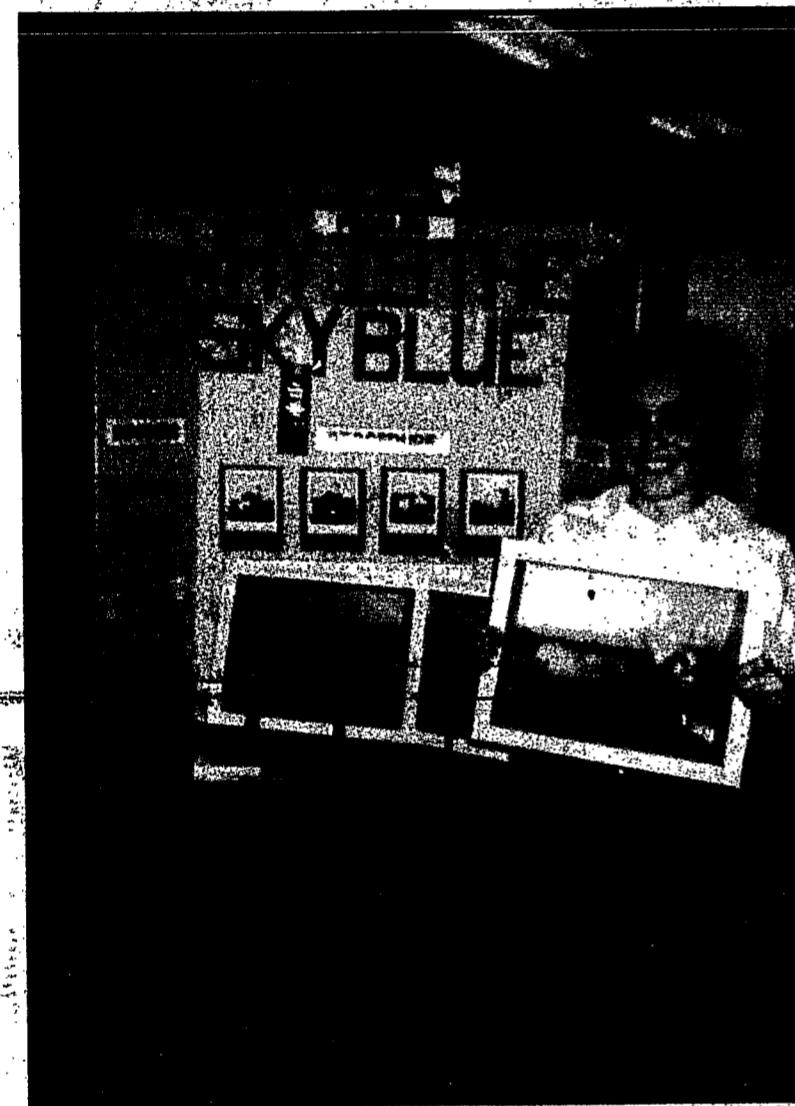
1st place-Eric Cranford, 2nd place-Kathy Corr, 3rd place-Jennifer Asper and Patrick Remel, Honorable Mention-April Depreo and Hannah Lafontaine.

Fifth Grade

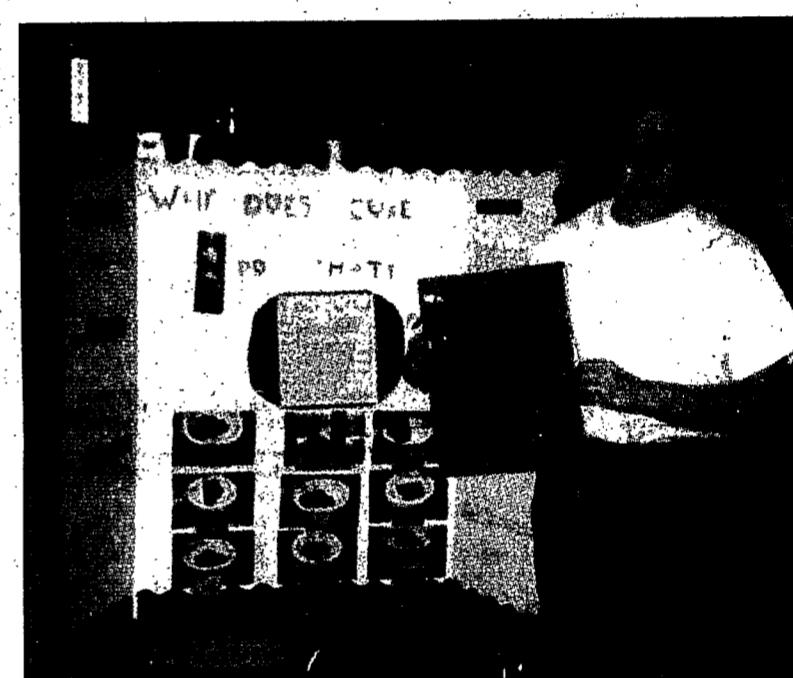
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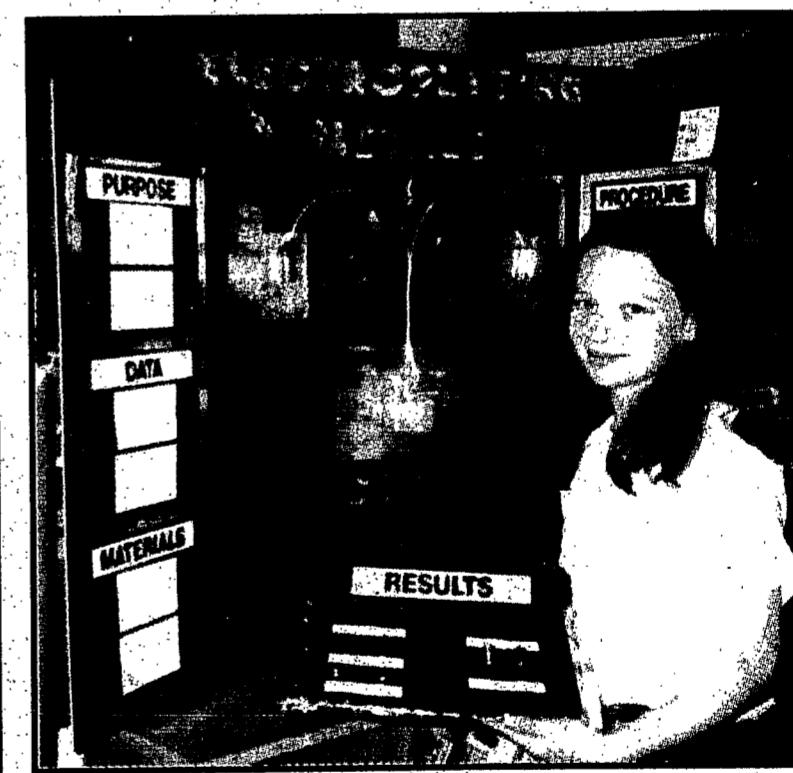
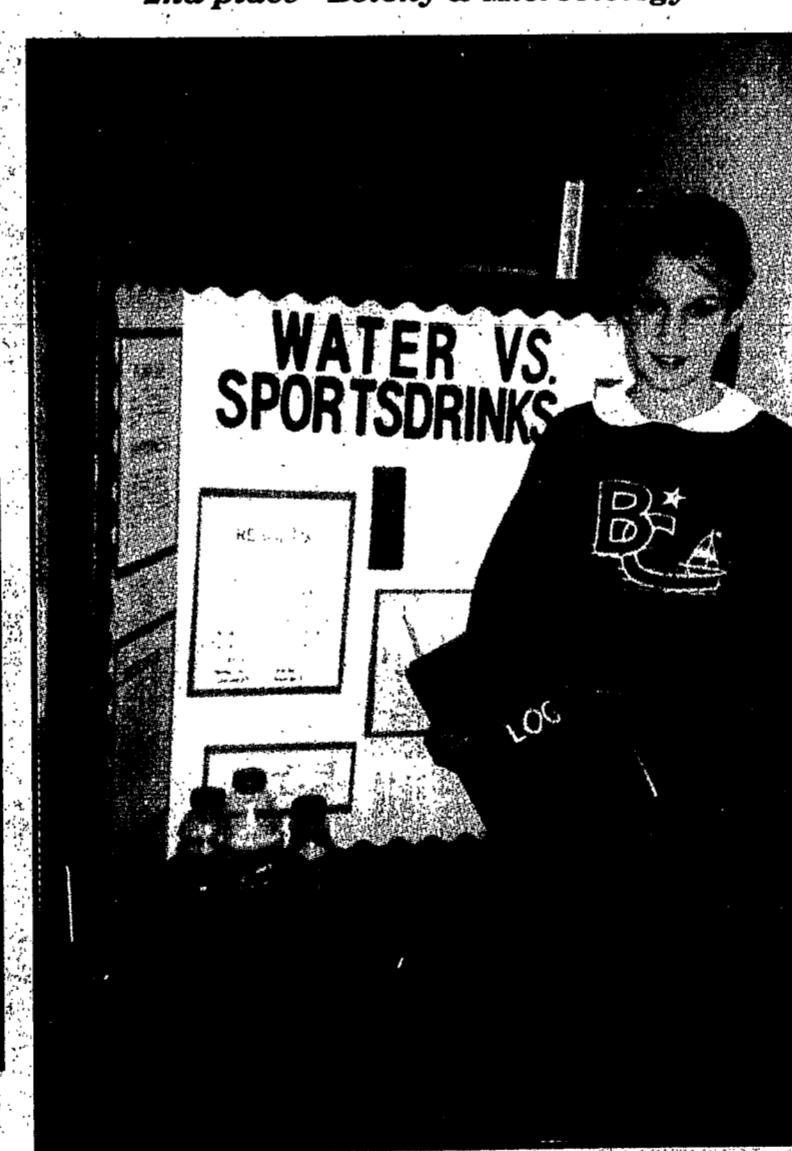
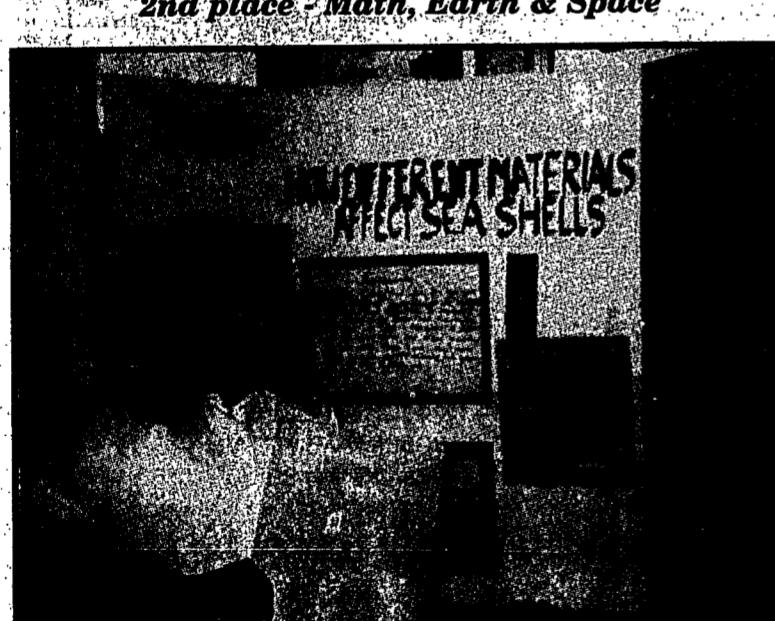
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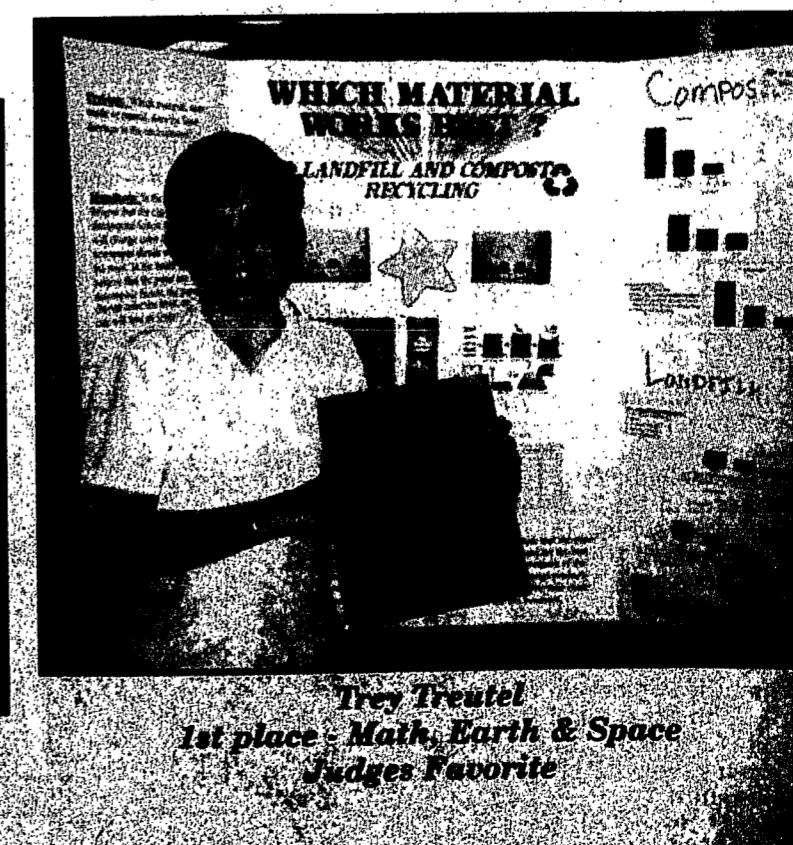
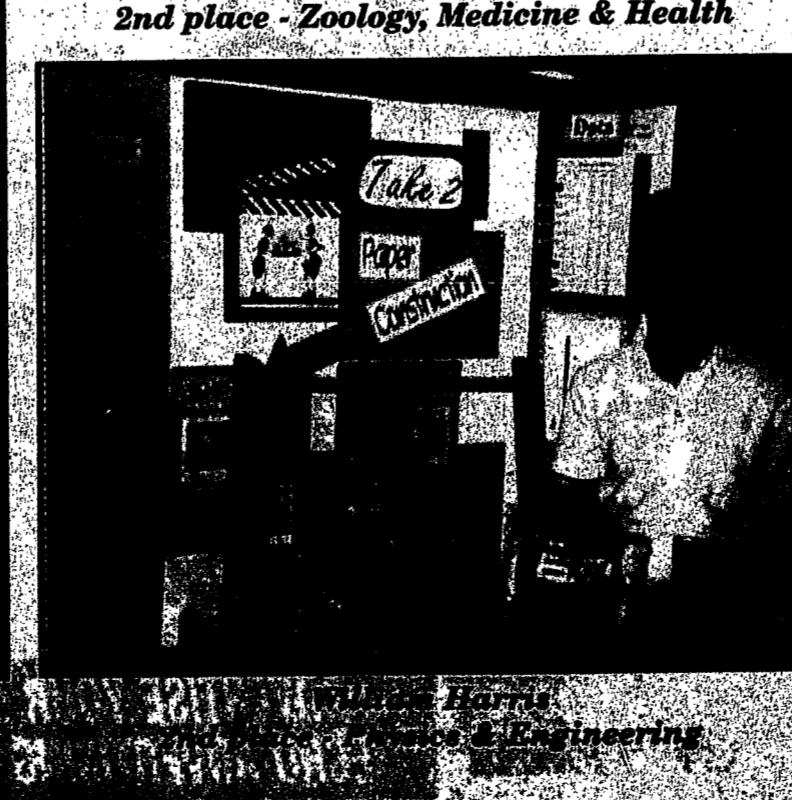
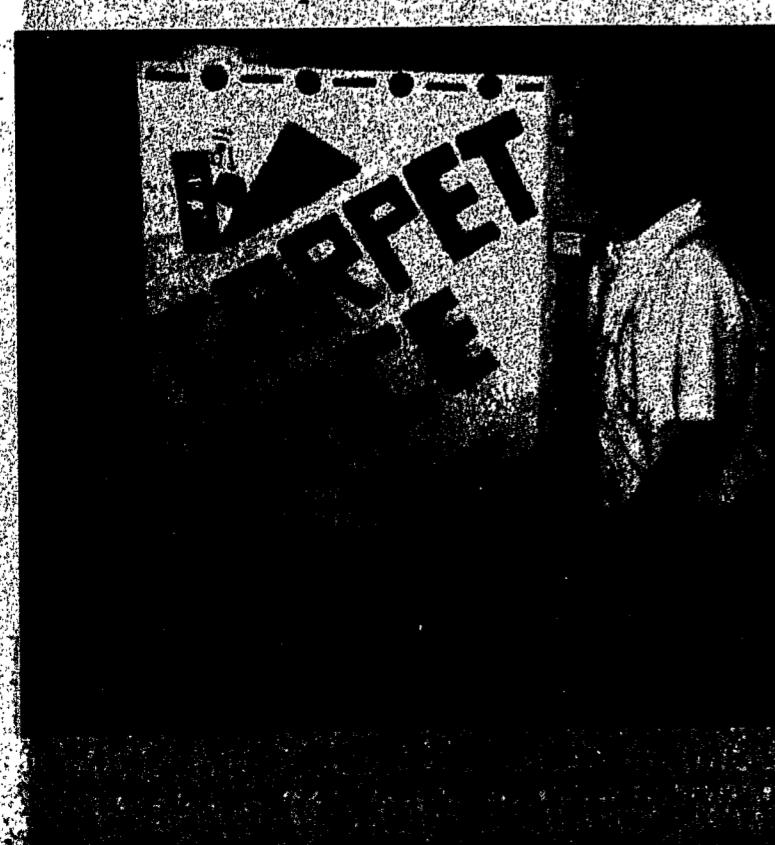
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Pela named candidate in scholars program

Emily Pela, senior at Our Lady Academy, has been named one of approximately 2,600 candidates in the 1997 Presidential Scholars Program.

Now in its 34th year, the Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character

and involvement in community and school activities.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pela of Gulfport, Pela is an alpha honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, National French Honor Society and national Latin Honor Society.

Pela is also a member of the OLA Quiz Bowl Team and a 1996-97 cheerleader for St. Stanislaus athletic teams. She has been named the Pepsi Student

of the Month three times.

Active in the Youth Legislature, Pela has been named Speaker Pro-Tem, an Outstanding Representative and a Most Outstanding Representative twice while attending sessions in Jackson. During this past fall session, she had a bill signed by the Governor.

In her academic classes in her junior year, Pela received the highest academic average in English, religious studies, history and Latin.

St. Stanislaus announces STAR Student, Teacher

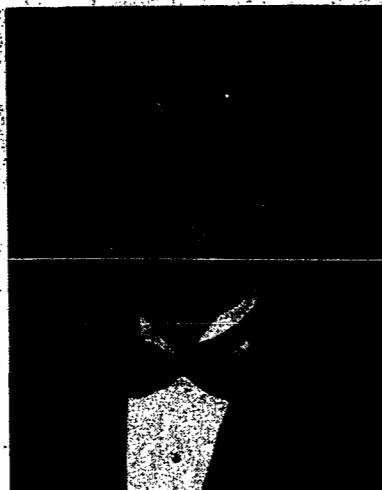
Bro. Ronald Tablot, SC, principal of St. Stanislaus, announced that Timothy Baden has been selected as a Mississippi STAR Student for the 1996-97 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council, sponsor of the program. Baden selected Mr. Tom Ackerman as his STAR Teacher.

Baden will be honored in Jackson during the Education Celebration, portion of the MEC's annual membership meeting in April.

Star students are selected from accredited high schools on the basis of academic excellence. American College Test scores (ACT), and scholastic averages are considered in designation of the school's Star Student, explained Bob Pittman of Jackson, MEC president.

Baden is a National Merit Finalist and has earned President's Honor Roll or Alpha Honor Roll throughout his high school career. For three years he has been a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta.

He is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School*.



Timothy Baden

Students at SSC he has been named Student of the Month and Student of the Day. For three years he participated in the SSC marching band, concert band and Pep Band.

He was class treasurer as a sophomore and class secretary as a junior. As a senior he is also a member of Students Against Drunk Driving.

Baden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everhardt of Biloxi. Baden selected Tom Ackerman as the Star Teacher.



Tom Ackerman

man as the Star Teacher. Ackerman has 23 years of experience. He has taught English and/or Spanish at St. Stanislaus since 1983 as well as being moderator of the yearbook staff, moderator of the Spanish National Honor Society, and music minister for SSC.

For the previous 15 summers he has traveled with the summer youth program visiting the mission in Saltillo, Mexico.

For 14 years he has assisted with the Sunday music ministry at St. Augustine Seminary. Ackerman received a bachelor of arts from Lewis University in Lockport, Ill., and a master of arts from the University of Memphis.

Business Week set at MS University

Rising high school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of America's free enterprise system at Mississippi University for Women's 20th annual Business Week June 1-6.

Students selected to take part in the week-long co-educational seminar will become a part of MUW's Free Enterprise Village — in which they live, dine and learn together about how the market economy operates.

The deadline for applications is March 31. Those students who are accepted must pay a registration fee of \$75, which defrays the cost of housing and meals. All other expenses are covered by Business Week sponsors.

Upon arrival, participants are divided into companies which, as a part of a model busi-

ness computer game, are separated into three divisions that create industries to "manufacture" three products. In addition to the computerized simulation, students will hear outstanding speakers from the business world, including Marguerite Wall, director of the Small Business Center at Hinds Community College, Julie Jordon of the Internet Learning Company in Columbus; and Lt. Pete Collins of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

Established in 1977 by a group of business and academic leaders, Business Week is the only program of its kind in

Mississippi. To be eligible for participation, students must be rising juniors or seniors (current sophomores or juniors), have maintained a successful high school academic record, and be endorsed by their high school principals.

Business Week applications have been mailed to Mississippi high school principals, counselors, business teachers and teachers of the gifted.

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PRCC chapter honored

Pearl River Community College's Iota Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, was named a "Five-Star Chapter" at the recent Mississippi/Louisiana convention.

Norma Hammill, PRCC Iota Mu advisor and the Mississippi/Louisiana regional coordinator, said the award recognizes the chapter's attainment of many goals during the past year.

The Iota Mu Chapter has continually proven itself as an exemplary model of Phi Theta Kappa's four hallmarks which include scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service," Hammill said.

The PRCC chapter will receive international recognition when featured in the 1997 awards tabloid which will be distributed at the 75th International Convention in Dallas.

President of the Iota Mu Chapter is Alecia Archer of Poplarville. Vice presidents include Dr. Valerie Johnson, Dr. Connie Johnson, Dr. Norma Phillips, Dr. Portia Hall (Vice President), John Gresser of Bay St. Louis, Dr. Linda Smith and Dr. Freda Jackson (Vice Presidents).



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Installation of officers will be at the next meeting, April 1.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter.

Interested persons are invited to call Judy at 255-5413.

Bay-Waveland Jaycees

In February, the Bay-Waveland Jaycees chapter was reborn. The Jaycees dissolved in 1992, and many people felt that it was time to begin again.

The Jaycees is a constructive action organization of young people who devote a portion of their time to community service in the public interest and developing young persons as leaders of their community.

The first meeting was Feb. 5, 1997. At this time, the Gulfport Jaycees chapter assisted with the beginning of the Bay-Waveland Jaycees. The Gulfport Chapter will assist as long as needed.

President, secretary and treasurer were elected. At the next meeting, a board of directors will be elected. Officers are Alicia Cool, president; Mike Reso, secretary; Leslie Ladner, treasurer; Sheila Dempsey, community development vice president; Daniel Brogle, individual development vice president; Pennie Brogle, management development vice president; and Billy Ross, membership vice president.

When beginning a new chapter, many requirements need to be met within the first 60-90 days. The chapter is working on four projects at the present. There was a car wash March 8 at Merchants Bank on Hwy. 90 to help raise funds to help get the organization up and running. Lee Ann Dempsey was chairman of the car wash.

The second project is the JAYS Program, which stands for Jaycees Against Youth Smoking. The program consists of local merchants pledging not to sell tobacco products to anyone under 18. The merchants will have stickers for their windows as well as other items to display in their store. Pennie Brogle is chairman of the JAYS Program.

The third project is an Easter egg hunt for the children of Hope Haven. Starr Ross is chairman. The fourth project is the charter banquet. At this time there will be speakers from other areas of the Jaycees as well as a few former Jaycees. This is to be an Old Timers banquet as well. Chapter members are asking that any former Jaycee come to the banquet and share experiences for guidance. The banquet will be Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Amants on Beach Boulevard. Cost is \$15 per person. There will be live band. To attend or for information, call Alicia Cool at 601-255-9888 or Daniel Brogle, 601-467-3192.

Meetings will be the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the back room of the Fire Dog Saloon on Beach Blvd. Anyone between 21 and 39 is welcome to be a member. For membership information, call Billy Ross at 601-255-6918.

Bay-Waveland Jaycees

The Bay-Waveland Jaycees will have their charter banquet Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Amants on Court Street in Bay St. Louis.

All past, present and future Jaycees are invited to come and join them for food, music and fun.

Cost is \$15 per person in advance and \$17 per person at the door. For details, contact Alicia Cool at 601-255-9888 or Pennie Brogle at 601-467-3192.

"The Bay-Waveland Jaycees need you. If you are between the ages of 21 and 39 and want to better the community we live in, as well as having fun at the same time, then we want you. Come join in on one of our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the back room of the Firedog Saloon at 7:30 p.m.," a spokesman said.

Student nurses issue challenge

Nursing students at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast are challenging other Gulf Coast organizations to provide support for a worthy community project.

USMGC's Mississippi Association of Student Nurses-Friendship Oak Chapter recently donated \$1,500 to Hope Haven.

USMGC's student nurses held numerous fund-raising events over the past year to make the contribution to Hope Haven, including a WLOX Volleyball Challenge.

Families of those honored will be notified of any contributions.

For information, call (601) 795-6801, ext. 1183.

Lind honored

Danielle Lind, 18-year-old Hancock High School senior, has been selected by Department of Mississippi American Legion Auxiliary and Clement R. Bentwaters American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 of Bay St. Louis to attend the Freedom's Foundation Americanism Youth Conference April 3-6 at Valley Forge, Pa. Lind is the daughter of Robert and Pam Lind and the granddaughter of Lawrence and Jeanette Lind of Kiln. Her academic standing is in the top 10 percent of her class. She is a member of the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, SADD, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, JMG and the yearbook staff. Other honors include Hancock County Chamber of Commerce student director, class president, Student Council secretary/treasurer, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Girls State and Miss Hancock High. She plays tennis and likes to read. She is a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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BIRTHS

SEAN AARON BAILEY

Mr. and Mrs. Steven P. Bailey of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Sean Aaron, March 21, 1997 at 6:19 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Bailey is the former Marie-Louise Morgan.

Maternal grandparents are John and Kathy Morgan of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are John Bailey of Titusville, Fla., and Diane Bailey of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include David and Bertha Williamson of Pass Christian, Theressa Everett of Bay St. Louis and Floyd and Sylvia Bailey of Idabel, Okla.

KEOKI LEWANNU BLACKLEDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Mark William Blackledge Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Keoki Lewannu, March 18, 1997 at 9:35 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn P. Phipps of Taft, Calif.

Paternal grandparents are Mark and Gwen Blackledge of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Anna Belle Cox of Metairie, Lillian Bennett of Heavner, Okla., and Daugherty and Jackie Phipps of El Cajon, Calif.

MARY HASTINGS PUCKETT

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Hastings Puckett of Pass Christian announce the birth of their second child, Mary Hastings, March 25, 1997 at 12:44 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Puckett is the former Rivers Swan Yerger.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Swan Yerger of Jackson.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Puckett of Jackson.

Mary is welcomed by her sister Rivers.

JACOB PETER WOLTZ

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Woltz Jr. of Diamondhead announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Peter, March 24, 1997 at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Woltz is the former Cheryl Christiansen.

Maternal grandparents are Peter and Karyn Christiansen of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are William and Helen Woltz of Glen-dale Heights, Ill.

TORI ANN THERIOT

Troy Theriot and Melissa Guidry of Lakeshore announce the birth of their first child, Tori Ann, March 18, 1997 at 2:44 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Harold Jr. and Linda Guidry of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Patricia Esteves of Lakeshore and Clebert Theriot of Chalmette.

Great-grandparents include Archie and Grace Courrige, Harold Sr. and Doris Guidry and Josephine Simon.

Tori is welcomed by her sister Clinton and brother Jordan.

MARIE MICHELLE HARTWICK

Bobbie Faye and Frederick Hartwick of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Marie Michelle, March 13, 1997 at 3:41 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Faye.

Paternal grandfather is Debbie Hartwick.

JOHN JERALD

Bonnie Bishop and Bob Mulsaux of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, John Jerald, March 21, 1997 at 4:44 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Juanita and Jerry Bishop of Westwego, La.

Paternal grandparents are John and Billye Mulsaux of Ball, La.

John is welcomed by Clinton, Jeremy, Amanda and Justin.

Handle eggs safety for happy holidays

Dying and hunting Easter eggs can be an entertaining activity, but don't let the holiday excitement take precedence over handling food safety.

Dr. Melissa Mixon, extension human nutrition specialist at Mississippi State University, said eating Easter eggs is not safe unless the eggs have been handled with the utmost care.

"When planning to eat Easter eggs, select eggs with a good expiration date printed on the carton and from a refrigerated display case at the grocery store. Inspect the eggs to make sure they are clean with un-cracked shells," Mixon said.

Mixon advised grocery shoppers to bring a cooler to place eggs and other perishable items in if the trip home from the store will take longer than 30 minutes or if the temperature outside is hot. Refrigerate eggs as soon as possible after arriving home.

"Cook eggs using a slow boiling method to prevent cracking the eggs during the cooking process," Mixon said.

Eggs that are intended to be eaten should not stay unrefrigerated for more than a total of two hours. Eat hard-cooked eggs within one week after cooking, whether they have

been in the shell or peeled.

"Two hours is not a long time to dye, hide and hunt eggs. To avoid the risk of food-borne illness, such as salmonella, keep eggs in a refrigerator," Mixon said.

Mixon recommended hiding eggs away from bacteria sources if you are planning to use them later.

"Hide eggs in places away from dirt and pets, and don't forget to refrigerate them as soon as they are found," she said.

"If you ever have any doubt about the length of time an egg — peeled or not — has been unrefrigerated, or the overall safety of an egg, do not eat it," Mixon said.

A good alternative to hunting hard-cooked eggs that are intended to be eaten later is hiding plastic eggs instead.

"Plastic eggs are fun for children to find because you can put candy or money inside them," Mixon said.

"A lot of people like to blow out eggs and dye the shells, but this is not a good idea. The person who blows out the egg runs the risk of getting a food-borne illness when their mouth comes in contact with the raw egg," Mixon said.

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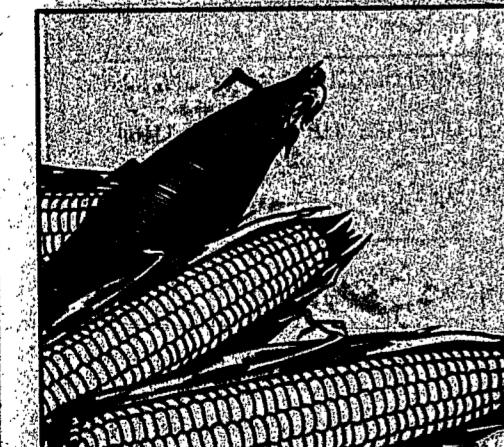
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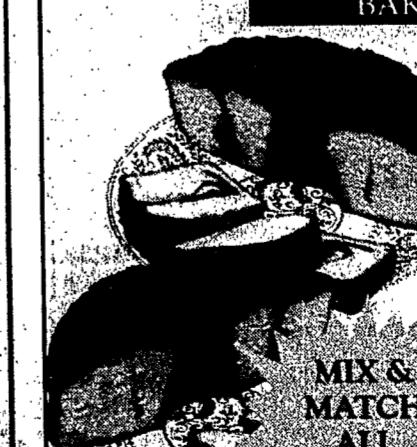
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The Bible teaches "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scripture" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). This is the Good News of the Gospel. It is the Gospel in a nutshell.

God calls you to believe this Gospel. You are called to recognize your sin and confess it to God. You are called to place faith in Christ. You must believe that His sacrifice paid the penalty for

WEDDING

Cunningham-Kolodziej



Kelly Kolodziej

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kolodziej of Diamondhead announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelly Marie Kolodziej, to Michael Gerard Cunningham, son of Margaret Cunningham of Mount Laurel, N.J. and the late Patrick J. Cunningham.

Miss Kolodziej is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arnold P. Schmidt and of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kolodziej.

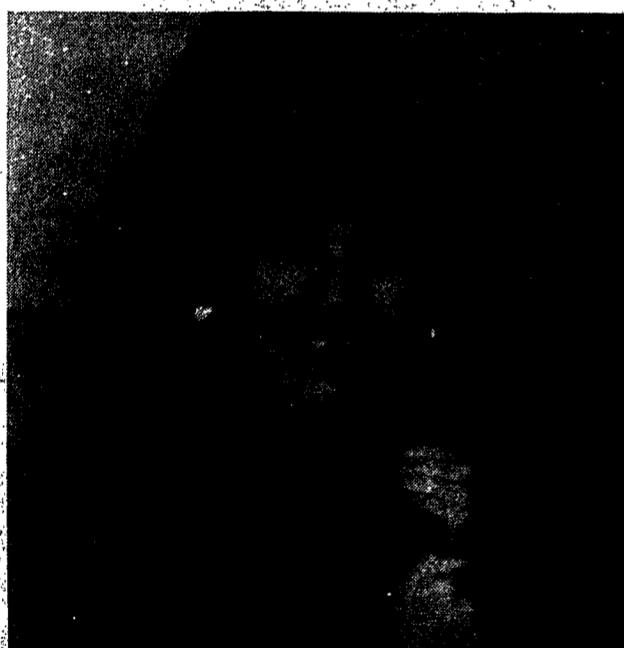
Mr. Cunningham's grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah O'Sullivan and the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cunningham.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Our Lady Academy and a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a BBA in management. She was valedictorian of her class at OLA and attended the University of Notre Dame on a NROTC scholarship. She is a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven, Gulfport.

The prospective groom is a 1982 graduate of Herry Hill East High School and a 1988 graduate of Kennesaw State College with a BA in history. He is employed as a sales account manager with Kimberly-Clark.

The marriage will take place May 24 at noon at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Guyot-DeRose



Geraldlyn DeRose

Gerald DeRose Sr. and Carol DeRose of Waveland announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Geraldyn F. DeRose, to Anthony R. Guyot, son of Rose Necessaire of Iberville and the late Raymond Guyot.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Bay High School and earned an insurance license at Jefferson Davis College. She is employed with Floral Hills and Southern Memorial Cemetery.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Iberville High school and attended Jefferson Davis College and Texas Prep College. He will join the U.S. Coast Guard in April.

The wedding will take place April 12 at 6 p.m. at Seacoast Wedding Chapel in Biloxi.

Mr. Guyot will pursue a Coast Guard career. The couple will reside where stationed in July.

Hospice training

Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast will present training to certify volunteers for National Hospice Organization Accreditation April 2 and 3, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the conference room of The Cornerstone, 101 Kirkwood in Picayune.

To register, call Gwen Golotte at 432-2981, 374-4434 or 1-800-777-4270. Lunch will be complimentary for trainees.

Golotte said, "Ten hours of initial training are mandatory for accreditation in the program with continuing education to be

ing with bereavement contacts, doing errands for the patients or caregiver, assisting with the speakers bureau, office work, baking, crafts, or as an auxiliary volunteer in program development for the Hospice Care Fund.

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Retreat scheduled

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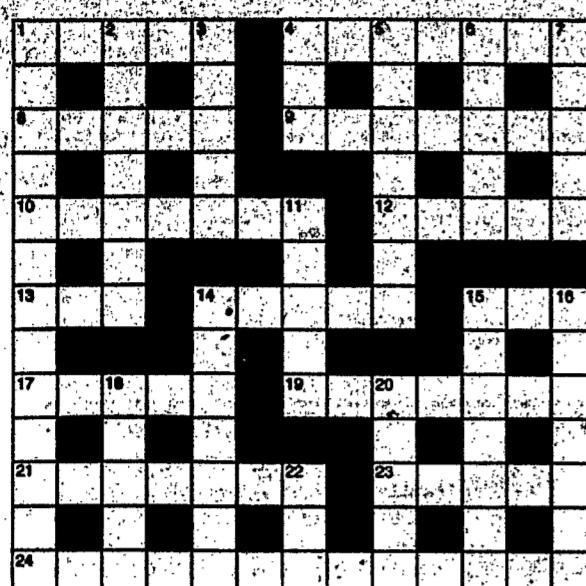
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Thompson Brothers return to Cajun Crawfish Festival

For the fifth year, popular country music trio, The Thompson Brothers Band, returns to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum's Country Cajun Crawfish Festival. The band, known for their album "Cows on Main Street," are returning at the request of fans who look for their energetic brand of music year after year.

"The response to this band is clearly a grass roots movement on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Thompson Brothers Band has created its own loyal following here at the Crawfish Festival and it just wouldn't be the same without them," said Bill Holmes, executive director of the Coast Coliseum. "They have a sound that combines the raw country energy of Dwight Yoakam and Steve Earle with the harmonies reminiscent of the Everly Brothers."

The Thompson Brothers chose the "Cows on Main Street" as their album title in tribute to their hometown where childhood memories include Main Street traffic stopping for cows that had escaped from the meadows. The extended play album includes everything from original songs to Neil Diamond's "Solitary Man" Thompson Brothers style.

The Thompson Brothers Band joins headliners Jeff Carson and Lee Roy Parnell, Neal

McCoy and Sammy Kershaw as country music takes center stage at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. The festival, which will take place rain or shine, features nonstop country and Cajun music throughout the run of the event.

The festival returns to the front lawn of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Friday-Sunday, April 18-19. The festival combines country and Cajun music with carnival rides, vendor booths, contests including the "Overexposure" bikini contest and fashion show and over 15,000 pounds of large, hot, spicy crawfish and other delectable food offerings.

Also featuring in the crowd-pleasing Winn-Dixie Festival of Foods inside the arena with over 100 Winn-Dixie food vendors offering attendees free samples and coupons.

Two new ticket options debut at the festival this year. They are a \$13 three-day pass (up to \$4 savings) and Golden Circle outdoor seating of \$15 for reserved seats. Both ticket options are now on sale at the Coliseum Box office and all usual TicketMaster locations or charge by phone at 800-488-5252. Regular tickets can be purchased at the gate \$6 or \$6 for adults depending on the time of day. \$2 for children 6-12, and under 6 get in free.

Momix presented by NOBA

The New Orleans Ballet Association invites you to come enter a world of illusion where bodies are transformed into art and transformation with Momix. *Passion*, Friday, April 11, and *Baseball*, Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alabama Repertory Theater, 1000 Poydras Street. Tickets are \$20.00 and \$15.00. Available at the box office.

A 50-minute

Coast Chorale presents collection of folk songs

The Coast Chorale will present the Mississippi Gulf Coast debut of John Rutter's "The Sprig of Thyme," a collection of English, Scottish and Irish folk songs.

The first of two Coast performances will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13 at First Christian Church in Gulfport.

In addition, the chorale will also perform a variety of American folk songs and spirituals. Admission is free.

The Coast Chorale is a 60-member community chorus consisting of singers from as far away as Picayune and Ocean Springs. Chorale conductor Joy Mehrten holds a master's degree in music.

Mehrten served as choir director and organist in the New Orleans metropolitan area for more than 25 years and was director of music at Holy Name of Jesus Church on Loyola University's campus. Currently, Mehrten teaches music at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis and is organist at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

As the Coast Chorale prepares for the final concerts of its fourth season, chorale members cannot help but recall the many successes of the past year. In December, the Coast Chorale represented the state of Mississippi during the Advent Sing

celebration in Vienna, Austria. Viennese audiences were thrilled by an exciting repertoire of both modern and traditional Southern music.

Local composer and chorale accompanist Jim Ballard wrote two new compositions which the Coast Chorale debuted on the Mississippi Coast and which perfectly suited the quiet reverence of the ancient Viennese cathedrals.

In addition, three chorale members auditioned for and were accepted into the National Community Honor Choir of the national convention of the American Choral Directors' Association.

In March, Judith C. D'Angelo, Pete Smith and Father Ronald Herzog traveled to San Diego to represent the state of Mississippi in this choir consisting of the best community singers in the nation.

The Coast Chorale is now rehearsing for their debut in New York City's Carnegie Hall in November of 1997.

The chorale will perform John Rutter's "Magnificat" under the direction of the composer himself.

For information concerning upcoming concerts, or those interested in joining the Coast Chorale, contact Jay Mehrten at 452-3539 or Virginia Langen at 255-5827.

2nd Annual Natchez Bluff Blues Fest

Natchez's Second Annual Blues Festival will be April 18-19. The event will kick off Friday night, April 18 with club performances around town at Under-the-Hill-Saloon, Pearl Street Cellar, The Corner Bar & The Blue Cat Club.

A total of five bands will be performing in Memorial Park at Main Street, downtown Natchez on Saturday, April 19 from 2-10 p.m. After 10 p.m. Saturday night, the Club Performances pick up again, and the festivities will continue till early Sunday morning to round out the weekend of blues in the oldest city on the Mississippi River.

Scheduled to appear at the outdoor event are Natchez's favorite son, Brint Anderson, Alvin Shelby and The Holy Family Children's Choir, Y. Z. Ealey Band, Stomp Incorporated and Gypsy Blood.

The clubs will feature Sherman Lee Dillon, Caddy Wampus, Gypsy Blood and Maggie Brown.

Other attractions include boiled crawfish, red beans and rice, gumbo and beverages from Budweiser to Coca-Cola, merchandise, crafts, and a fish bowl stocked with prizes, a children's pavilion and a raffle with a week-long Western Caribbean cruise donated by Commodore Cruise Lines and Access Travel as the grand prize.

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